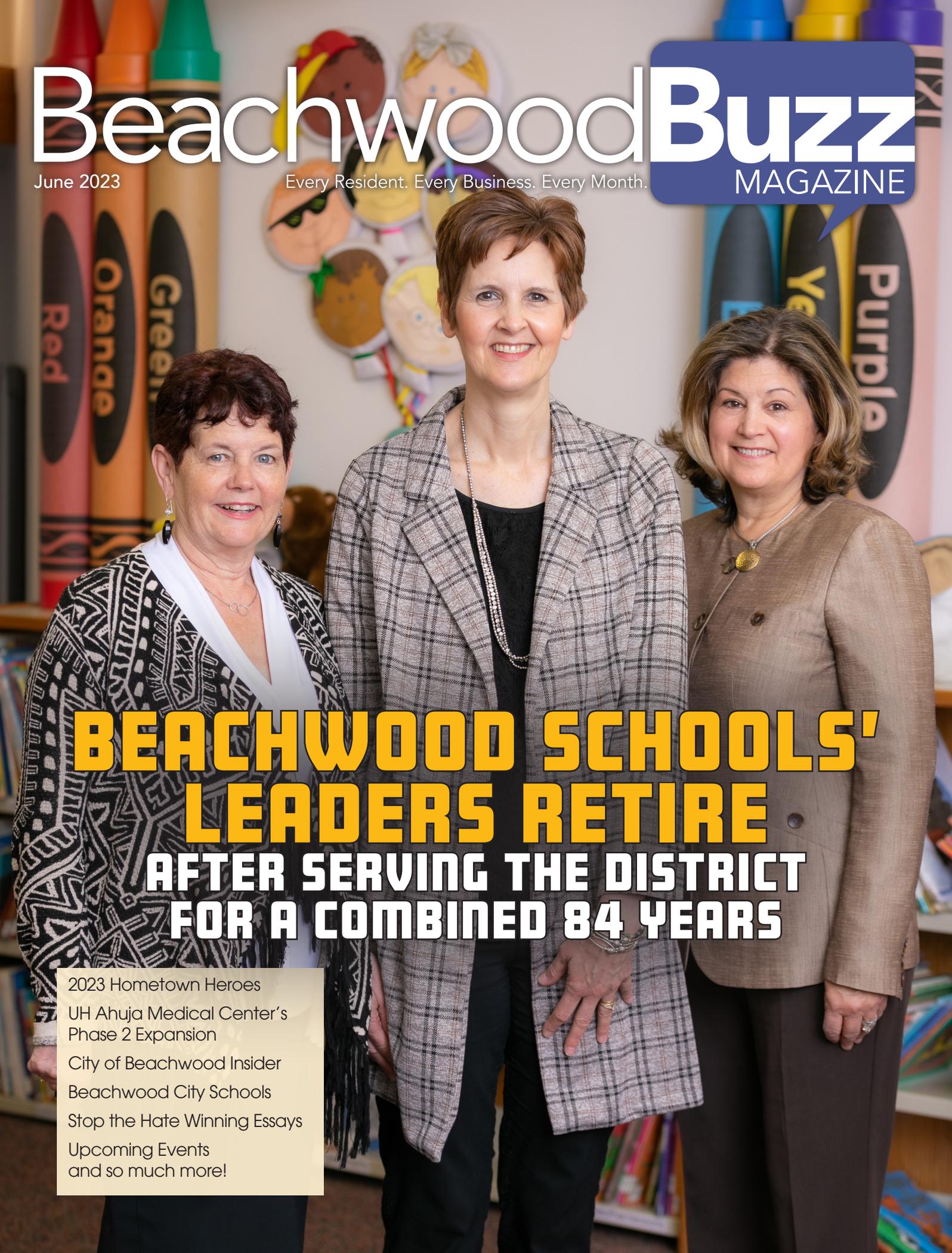


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# Letter from THE EDITOR

By Debby Zelman Rapoport



**W**e often focus on physical activity and diet when evaluating total health, both of which are important. Equally important are home environment, relationships, social life, joy, spirituality, creativity, finances, career, education, and health. This month I focus on home environment. Take a look around. Do you like what you see? Is there room for improvement?

Home environment includes our interior space as well as what surrounds it. Creating a comfortable, safe, joyous home environment can empower you, feed your energy, and ultimately guide you toward living a more healthy, happy, peaceful life.

As bio-individuals, our preferences vary. While I prefer an environment with plants, candles, and flowers, along with bird feeders in the yard, others have varied preferences.

How does your home environment make you feel? Close your eyes, take a deep breath, and envision your ideal environment. How is it different from your current one?

The Institute for Integrative Nutrition shares the following information about creating a healthy home environment:

As an ambassador of the Institute of Integrative Nutrition, I endorse its curriculum, which is taught by more than 95 of the world's leading experts in health and wellness. This program is more than a health coaching certification course, it is a program about finding what inspires you to live a life you love and become your healthiest, happiest self. For details, visit <https://geti.in/3STpZZX>.

- **Create a vision board** with images and words that light you up.
- **Detox your physical space** by letting go of what doesn't bring you joy.
- **Clear the air** by opening windows, burning sage, or using essential oil diffusers, air purifiers, ionizers, fans, filters, humidifiers, or dehumidifiers.
- **Fill your space with what inspires you.** Whether color, style, artwork, or family photos, surround yourself in an environment that encourages creative thinking, boosts self-esteem, and increases brain connectivity.
- **Create a comfortable, cozy sleep space** because getting enough sleep is vitally important to your health. In the morning, take time to make your bed. It can give you a sense of accomplishment as you start your day.
- **Organize your pantry,** you'll be more likely to cook, enjoy spending time in the kitchen, and create nutritious meals.
- **Connect with nature.** After 15 minutes, blood pressure lowers, stress hormone levels drop, and creativity, performance, and focus are boosted.
- **Fill your home with houseplants,** they purify air, boost mood, improve health, and sharpen focus.
- **Start an herb garden.** It can save you money, relieve stress, and provide fun.
- **Position furniture to enjoy outdoor views.** Nature calms us.

Creating a healthy home environment takes time and planning, and is always a work in progress. Since baby steps are building blocks for major transformations, start small. With consistent effort, your home will be the paradise you desire.

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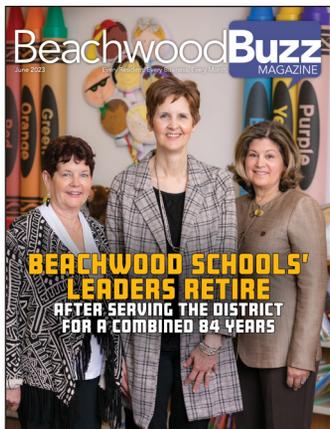
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# Letter to the Community



## Fellow Beachwood residents,

I'm sharing with you information about Key Club and Kiwanis Club International because they would be excellent additions to our Beachwood community. Key Club has a special place in my heart. I joined Key Club freshman year of high school back in Houston. Being a member led me on a path to a life of service. It offered abundant opportunities to volunteer each month, weekly club meetings at school with other classmates, and leadership opportunities culminating in becoming president of my chapter. In high school and college, volunteer opportunities were readily available. As an adult, less so.

Key Club is part of Kiwanis Club International, an international service organization. Key Club is for high

school students, while Kiwanis Club is for adults. A Kiwanis Club sponsor is present at Key Club meetings.

Currently, there are chapters in Solon and Orange, yet no Key Club chapter at Beachwood High School. Solon and Orange/Pepper Pike also have Kiwanis Clubs, with activities that support the community and local Key Clubs.

Kiwanis Club can be established in any community as long as there are 15 inaugural members to start. Once established, regular meetings and service events will be scheduled. Then, Kiwanis Club Beachwood can sponsor the formation of Key Club at Beachwood High School, which requires a minimum of 3 students to form a club. Since Beachwood High School requires

students to perform 50 hours of volunteer service in order to graduate, Key Club will be a natural fit for students to take ownership of completing their service requirement and beyond, in addition to fostering leadership and social opportunities that may last a lifetime.

Will you join us to form Kiwanis Club Beachwood Chapter? The summer is a great time to start, so our new club will be in position to sponsor a Beachwood High School Key Club chapter at the start of the school year.

**We welcome you to join us at the Kiwanis Club interest session and inaugural meeting, which will be held Sunday, July 9, 1p.m., at the Beachwood Library, Meeting Room B.**

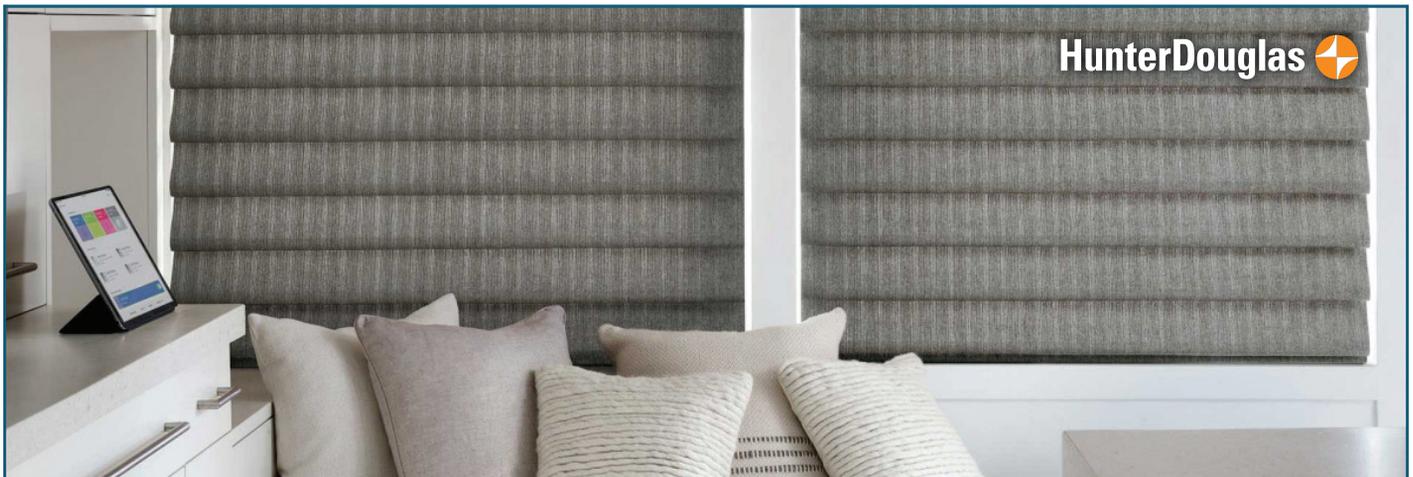
Join a community of service-minded Beachwood residents looking to make service to the people and communities of Beachwood and Greater Cleveland a top priority.

To date, interested Beachwood residents include Yelena Boxer, Gordon Bodzin, Jami Klein, Joey Klein, Mayur Madhavan, Sujata Rao, Joel Saltzman, Nate Stallworth, Eric Synenberg, and Vanessa Wollman.

For more information, give me a call or email me. All are welcome to attend the meeting and join Kiwanis Club Beachwood Chapter.

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From left: Michele Mills, Kathleen Stroski, and Lauren Broderick.

By Debby Zelman Rapoport

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"The Beachwood community has enjoyed their selfless service for decades," said Superintendent Robert Hardis. "Their individual and collective impact has been immeasurable, even when it was often behind the scenes. Michele, Lauren, and Kathleen have been

wonderful colleagues and dedicated servants to our students, families, and staff. It is hard to imagine Beachwood Schools without them!"

Last month we had an opportunity to ask them to reflect on their careers and future plans, and here's what they shared:



## MICHELE MILLS

Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

**A**s treasurer/CFO, Michele is responsible for all things financial: monitoring tax receipts, tax complaints, revenue owed to the district, expenditures, salaries, benefits, and bonds. She also monitors food-service receipts, student activities, and federal grants to insure the district spent within its authority.

Additionally, Michele is the public records custodian and the point person who negotiates employee healthcare plans. She also sits on employee negotiations teams and prepares semi-annual 5-year forecasts, annual tax budgets, and permanent appropriations. Michele is also responsible for board minutes and the Education Management Information System (EMIS), a statewide data collection system for Ohio's primary and secondary education, including demographic information, attendance, course information, financial data, and test results.

Her career becomes more complex and challenging each year because of additional tracking and public records' requests.

### What are your strongest accomplishments?

I am very happy that the district has achieved Aaa ratings from Moody's, the highest credit rating a public entity can attain. Our department has also achieved consistent "clean" audits which merit the Auditor of State Award with Distinction and four stars on the public records monitoring transparency in government standard (the highest possible).

I am also most proud of building a team that is highly regarded, trusted, and respected. My staff is hardworking, honest, ethical, and represent the best and brightest in their fields.

### Please share some favorite memories.

Getting to know our staff for their authentic selves and appreciating them for who they are. I have had a lot of laughter over the years and lightness of spirit because of those relationships.

### Mentors along the way?

My first mentor out of college was a man named Mr. Howard. I worked as the assistant operations director at a bank at the ripe, old age of 21, supervising staff who were in some cases twice my age. We were also racially diverse. Mr. Howard taught me how to be a professional at work, and to always be respectful of my staff and learn their journeys because they shape who we are. He also taught me to honor the service of others. We were a group that was different in many aspects, yet came together to work hard and have fun together. His leadership created that atmosphere.

Most importantly, my parents. I was very lucky to have two wonderful, loving, supportive parents who modeled the values I have today. They taught me to face each day with optimism and hope, and to be kind to others.

### Tell us about your friendships with each other and how you've supported each other along the way.

We spend so much time at work that we get to know each other as friends/family. I depend on Kathleen for her financial acumen, moral support, and integrity as we face challenges together, both in and outside of work. Her friendship and support are unwavering, and I cherish the time we spend "in the trenches" together. I don't know how I would survive without her.

Lauren and I have become best of friends as we've navigated challenges that are unique to our positions. She is my sounding board and the mirror who reflects back to me with honesty and integrity. She and I are kindred spirits. I appreciate her hard work, dedication, and courage to speak her truth.

### Please share some advice for women in leadership roles.

Life is a balancing act and you have to strive to find work/life balance. I still believe in the old adage that women have to work twice as hard as men to get where they are, and they are still paid less. Women need to find support systems and become part of the inner sanctum. Knowledge is power. Find mentors and voice your opinions. Speak up about pay inequality in a respectful, assertive manner. And remember, family comes first, always.

### What is your next act?

To take time to breathe. To step back and assess what I would like to do for my next chapter in life, which will be filled with fun, service to others, travel, friendship, and family.

### Additional hobbies?

Hiking, yoga, walking, biking, reading, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

### Tell us about your family.

I will be married 30 years in September to my husband, William, whom I met in college.

He has been the love of my life. We look forward to our retirement years as we both have worked hard in our careers and are ready to live without the day-to-day pressures of working.

Our daughter, Brittany, 25, is a true amalgamation of the two of us. She is my heart. We are really proud of her. I would not have traded being a parent for anything in the world. I consider her my greatest gift. She is her own person, resilient, smart, and courageous.

My extended family consists of my dad, four siblings, their spouses, nieces and nephews, and their children. I come from a big Italian family (although I look Irish, I am half Italian). Family means everything to me. Our family gets together often because we know how important it is to be together, support one another, and be role models for the next generation. So far, it's worked. Our children are really good people who care about the world and have all worked hard to be productive citizens (my father's mantra to us growing up). They are now good parents to their children. It is rewarding to watch. So far, there are 7 of the next generation from ages 2 to 10. They are a lot of fun to be around.

I refer to my extended family as the deep end of the pool. You have to know how to swim. You don't wade into our family. We are a lively, loud, loving bunch. I like to consider myself the life raft if someone has trouble swimming.

### Anything else you'd like to add?

This is a great career. I love my job. It's an honor and privilege to serve, and I'll leave with many fond memories and cherished friendships.



# LAUREN BRODERICK

Interim Administrator

Lauren was hired by Beachwood Schools in 2005 as the coordinator of special education and gifted programs, a newly created position that presented an exciting challenge and opportunity for her to apply prior experiences as an elementary building principal and special educator. Two years later, Lauren assumed full responsibility for the comprehensive duties in the Student Services Department when she was promoted to the position of the director of Pupil Services.

"I was proud to serve our students, staff, and community in this rewarding leadership capacity for over 16 years," she said. "In this, my final year before retirement, I have assumed another unique role as interim administrator."

Although Lauren initially had mixed feelings about her decision to step down and aside, this may turn out to be one of her most rewarding years in education and proves to be incredibly satisfying as she supports the successful transition of another talented and passionate female administrator, her successor, Jennifer Polak.

## How has your career grown?

Initially, my career as director of Pupil Services focused heavily on state compliance, professional development, and improving the overall functioning of the programs that I supervised. Over the years, my responsibilities grew exponentially along with many of the same challenges facing educators today, including various federal and state initiatives requiring collaboration with community agencies in the areas of early intervention, specialized programs for children with gifts and talents, English as a Second Language, and the development of services for students with behavioral, mental health, and emotional needs. One thing that never changed is my passion as an advocate for all students, especially for those who are neurodiverse. My work with staff, administrators, and families to promote

high student achievement and access to individualized services for all learners brings me the most joy and efficacy.

## What are your strongest accomplishments?

I am especially proud of the excellent reputation that Beachwood Pupil Services Department has for educating students with disabilities. During my tenure, this department earned excellent report card ratings, expanded its programs for neurodiverse students, and developed partnerships with community agencies. I am proud of the collective efforts of our staff and families. We work diligently to provide an individualized education to all children.

## Please share some favorite memories.

My favorite memories are the simple, celebratory ones that were shared with students and staff. The first day of school, the preschool student Halloween parade, and senior commencement day are guaranteed to bring a smile to my face, and they are always among the best days of the school year!

## Mentors along the way?

My first mentor was my mother. Like many young people, I am not sure that I fully appreciated the influence that she had on my life choices until I grew older, wiser, and more humble. I learned to admire and respect her as the strongest, most self-reliant woman I have ever known. She taught me to be bold, proud, and resilient.

## Tell us about your friendships with each other and how you've supported each other along the way.

Kathleen, Michele, and I have worked closely together to tackle some of the most challenging and tedious financial reports ever created by man, including our federal grants, catastrophic costs, and compliance reports. Michele is brilliant and ruthless in her pursuit of cost savings and a balanced budget. Kathleen is dedicated to detail and has a work ethic that never quits. I couldn't have survived without their professional expertise and personal support. Michele is among the best of my best friends, both in and out of the office.

## Please share some advice you have for women in leadership.

Learn about the issues and barriers

facing women in leadership positions; the challenges are real and can be emotionally and professionally exhausting. Be your own best advocate and partner with other strong women to develop strategies to handle challenges. Expect respect and don't expect men to understand you or to recognize workplace bias. Don't allow stereotypes about women leaders to define you, your work, or the talent that you bring to the organization.

## What's your next act?

I look forward to spending more time with my husband, family, and friends, as well as traveling, gardening, and volunteering in the community and for nonprofits.

## Additional hobbies?

Antiquing. I live in a large century home overfilled with antique treasures that I have likely overzealously overpaid for at auctions across the country. My two cats are not impressed. "Just how many antique corner cupboards does one house need?" they ask! I have also been involved with many restoration projects in my home and community, and have served on the Architecture Review Board and Landmark Commission.

## Tell us about your family.

I recently married the man of my dreams, Charles (Chuck) Vergon. We dated and were engaged for nearly 20 years. We share a love of travel and a passion for social justice and educational equity.

I am a proud mom of two wonderful, loving children, both of whom share my love of the outdoors, animals, and education. Sarah, my oldest, is a writer, university teacher, and research librarian. She lives in Santa Rosa, California, with her partner, Joel, and their cats and chinchillas. My son, Jeremiah, graduated with a degree in biology from Ohio Wesleyan. Our family recently celebrated his wedding to Becca, a fellow animal researcher. They were married in Hawaii.

## Anything else you'd like to add?

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# KATHLEEN STROSKI

Assistant Treasurer

and being one of the leads when we moved Fairmount classes to the high school when the old building was demolished and then back once the new building was completed. There were a lot of logistics involved and deadlines to be met.

I always look for ways to improve new systems or streamline current processes in our department or throughout the district.

**K**athleen was hired in 1990 as the district's purchasing clerk. After learning about the business and operations sides of the position, she recognized that her true niche was in finance, took additional classes to obtain her treasurer's license, and has worked alongside Michele as assistant treasurer for the past 15 years. Prior to working in Beachwood, Kathleen worked in distribution for the corporate office of Fabri-Centers, now JoAnn Fabrics, and then as an assistant buyer for Cargo Express.

## What are your strongest accomplishments over the years?

One of my strongest accomplishments relates to the strong relationships, open lines of communication, and trust that I've built with staff, parents, and students to effectively do my job. We were one of the first school districts in Northeast Ohio to convert to EFinance, a new accounting/payroll software system, which was a huge challenge. We spent endless hours choosing a system, converting the system over, and then training staff to use it in phases, while working out all the bugs that happen on a large conversion.

Additional accomplishments include being asked by ODE Area Coordinators to be a presenter for its annual catastrophic costs meeting to Cuyahoga County school districts

## Please share some advice you have for women in leadership.

Work hard, build trust and strong relationships, stay strong, set goals, and be flexible when life throws a curve. Make time to keep yourself grounded with things that make you happy, like family, and use downtime to regroup. Don't be too hard on yourself, allow for grace.

## What is your next act?

I plan to travel, visit my children more often, spend more time with my elderly parents, work on projects at home, volunteer, read, and take walks.

## Tell us about your family.

My family is my everything; they have always been my motivation to work hard and be a good example. We have a lot to celebrate this year. My husband, Bryon, and I will celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary in June and my retirement, after 33 years of service, is on July 31st. Bryon is my rock. He is always there to support me when I put in long hours at work or am helping with my parents. I couldn't do it without him.

I'm blessed to be the proud parent of twins, who both live in Columbus. Rachel is a doctor of physical therapy at Nationwide Children's Hospital and Eric is an accountant at Liberty Mutual Insurance.

## Anything else you'd like to add?

I've been blessed for 33 years to be part of the Beachwood family. It's been a wonderful journey and I'm truly fortunate to have worked with so many outstanding individuals over the years who are truly committed to the children of Beachwood.

## Please share some favorite memories.

Working with so many dedicated staff over the years and getting to know them on personal levels. We always have something in common; we celebrate the good things and support each other on the tough things.

## Mentors along the way?

Michele: I can't say enough about her leadership and mentorship. She leads by example and is always willing to share her knowledge. Michele is one of the hardest working administrators I've had the pleasure of working with. Her work ethic and commitment to excellent financial stewardship is exceptional, along with her awareness and compassion for staff as people, both at work and home. She is always advocating for others.

## Tell us about your relationships with Michele and Lauren.

We're a team! We always support each other, share ideas, and are willing to jump in and help each other out. We work together on various projects and day-to-day operations. The trust we've built over the years for each other shows in our collaboration on finance and special education needs. We cross over between the two constantly and are always discussing ODE reporting, grants, enrollment info, etc.

## ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO ADD?

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# Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry to Hold Annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration



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All Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry supporters and volunteers are invited to attend the annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration to be held on Monday evening, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. The event will take place at the Waxman Chabad Center, 2479 S. Green Rd., in Beachwood. A short program will follow the dessert reception.

This year's Rivka Goldstein Volunteer of the Year Award goes to two super-dedicated volunteers, Jennifer Wintner and Emanuel Yakubov. They are being honored for their longtime assistance with Sunday food deliveries to the senior buildings in the area.

"We are so thrilled to honor these two outstanding volunteers this year," says Devorah Alevsky, KFP director. "The Pantry appreciates their help more than words can say. Every week, rain or shine, Jennifer and Emanuel perform mitzvahs by delivering food to elderly people who face food insecurity."

The award is named for past pantry director Rivka Goldstein. RSVPs for the celebration are required and can be submitted by emailing [celebration@kosherfb.org](mailto:celebration@kosherfb.org) or by calling the office at 216.382.7202.

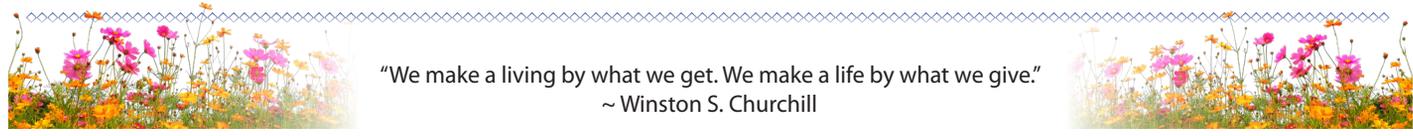
The Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry was established over 40 years ago by Devorah Alevsky's parents, Rabbi and Mrs. Zalman Kazen, as part of their efforts to help Russian Jews settle in Cleveland through the Semach Sedek Russian Immigrant Aid Society (RIAS).

The Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry Advisory Board is co-chaired by Muriel Weber and Chuck Whitehill.



Jennifer Wintner and Emanuel Yakubov

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# BHS Grad Selected for the 2023 Rising Voices Fellowship

**M**aría Alvarez, Beachwood High School class of 2015, was one of 10 filmmakers recently selected for the 2023 Rising Voices fellowship – a partnership between Lena Waithe’s Hillman Grad Productions, Indeed, and 271 Films. Through this program, she is currently directing her next short film, *Last Days of the Lab*, which will premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival later this month.

Rising Voices aims to discover, invest in, and amplify stories created by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) filmmakers and storytellers. Indeed’s mission is simple: to help people get jobs. They say, “We know that talent is universal. However, opportunity is not.”

That’s why the theme for this year’s films is The Future of Work. Ten filmmakers were each compensated \$5,000 for writing their original script and \$5,000 for directing, and had several opportunities to meet mentors in the industry while attending a Filmmaker Bootcamp in Los Angeles.

This program, now in its third year, opens doors for additional opportunities. Former contestants have then gone on to direct episodes of *The Chi* (Showtime) and *Chicago Fire* (NBC); become Netflix staff writers; direct commercial TV work for Jeep and Oakley; and secure nominations for NAACP Image Awards. The initiative has also led to the creation of more than 1,000 jobs to date.

María, an internationally recognized Cuban-Dutch filmmaker, graduated from the University of Southern California with a BFA in Film & Television

Production. She was formerly featured in *Beachwood Buzz* for her 20-minute film, *From My Head To Hers*, which was viewed at national and international film festivals and won esteemed awards.

Since then, her films have screened at dozens of festivals, such as the Los Angeles Film Festival and Cleveland International Film Festival; won awards from institutions such as Google; and screened in museums like MoMA.

Her short film, *Split Ends*, was a 2021 Horizon Award Finalist, premiered at the NALIP Latino Media Fest, and then went on to screen at the Cannes Court Métrage and NewFilmmakers LA hosted by the Academy. She was in the festival circuit with her latest short film, *did i look cuban then?*, which premiered at the 2022 Santa Barbara International Film Festival and was nominated for Best Documentary at NFFTY.

In addition to creating her own films, María is a freelance director and photographer in the narrative, music video, and commercial space working for clients such as Nike, Netflix, and more.

When we talked with her, she was finishing post-production of

*Last Days of the Lab*. “It’s crazy to be at the finish line,” she said. She then told us she made it to the semi-finalist level last year and was encouraged to reapply.

“Last year’s entry was a bit too large in scope,” she explained. “This year, I wrote the script alongside my boyfriend, Ethan Newmyer, also a filmmaker and photographer. “Due to the program’s theme around the future of work, we brainstormed about what type of workplace we were interested in talking about. We kept circling back to the setting of a photo lab due to our background and love for photography. To us, photo labs are these magical places that safeguard the memories of a community. It’s a shrinking industry and we wanted to shed light on a story that took place within one.”

That’s what the story is about: a mother and daughter sifting through old memories as they prepare to permanently close down their family’s photo lab, Hugo’s Camera. Hugo, their husband/father/founder of the shop, passed away the year before and the two women have been running the store in the wake of his passing. These characters are dealing



with saying goodbye to a physical space that is so inextricably linked to a loved one who is no longer around. It’s a film about the end of an era.

María’s heart has always been in narrative filmmaking and her career is growing organically. She credits her success to a mix of hard work and talent. Her dream is to work in the feature film world as a writer/director.

“The places where we work shape us as people, and in turn, we inevitably put parts of ourselves into those places,” María explained. “I am so grateful for the opportunity to create this



María (right) directing Lucia, played by Arianna Ortiz, and Isabel, played by Alex Felix. Photo credit: Ethan Newmyer



*Last Days of the Lab* Slate  
Photo credit: María Alvarez



María and Ethan wrapping up a day of shooting with lead actor, Hugo (center), played by Juan Francisco Villa.

film and to premiere at Tribeca. The fellowship provided security and confidence while directing the film. It's an incredible and exciting honor."

María's advice for anyone who wants to succeed in the creative world is to "constantly create and put out what you're passionate about. Trust your gut and ask yourself, 'What is my unique perspective to the world or subject matter?' Have confidence to speak about it. What's calling you? Show up consistently, follow that passion, and see where it takes you."

She's grateful for continued support from her parents and from her mentor and former film teacher at Beachwood High School, Kevin Houchins. "I'm really lucky for that support. People can sense when you're passionate about something. It inspires people to help you and, in turn, foster a community and help each other. Passion breeds more passion," she said.

"I'm glad that I grew up in Beachwood. While I was there, I was always looking forward and wanting to move to a different location for a different experience," she reflected. "Once in LA, I realized how lucky I was to grow up in Beachwood because of its strong community, good values, and kind people. I always look back fondly at my experience and support."

"I remember walking into the first day of film class with Mr. Houchins. It was a very small group of us and I have so many good memories from those 4 years," María told us. "I visited Mr. Houchins since graduating and when I came back, the class had expanded. It was so exciting to see so many talented and diverse voices being exposed to film. I felt there was some footprint or path that I may have set for other young women to follow, and I hope that this can be an inspiration for anyone to follow their own creative paths and dreams."

"I remember María coming into my class as a freshman at Beachwood High School. From Day 1 there was no question that she had a gift," said Kevin. "The many accolades, awards, and accomplishments she has had since that time are a result of her using that gift to visually tell stories like not many can. Her parents, Luis and Wanda, instilled in her the values that make each of her projects special."

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career is growing organically. She credits her success to a mix of hard work and talent. Her dream is to work in the feature film world as a writer/director. She and Ethan plan to continue creating together and to organically build careers side by side.

For more information, visit [mvafilms.com](http://mvafilms.com). Last year's Rising Voices films may be viewed at <https://jobschangeus.com/risingvoices>. This year's films will be added after the Tribeca festival.

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# Hometown Heroes

**O**n Wednesday, May 10, the City of Beachwood and Beachwood Historical Society hosted its Hometown Heroes Ceremony near the pavilion in Beachwood City Park West to celebrate heroes who live and work in our community.

Mayor Justin Berns welcomed everyone in attendance and then turned the microphone over to Rosemary Nemeth, president of the Beachwood Historical Society, who said, "These individuals are devoted to their work and are dedicated to helping others. They display courage, care, and concern, and do ordinary things in extraordinary ways."

Mayor Berns then kicked off the program by introducing city heroes Don Balog, David Miller, and Chris Arrietta. After reciting heartfelt words about Chris and how he started his career as a laborer and worked his way to director, he shared Chris's sentiments that everyone in the department deserves this recognition because it takes the whole team to do all that is done.

Congratulations to all heroes. As a community, we thank them for all they do.

## **Chris Arrietta Public Works Hero**

Chris has proudly served as a City of Beachwood employee since 1989 and the Public Works director since 2019. Under his humble leadership, the department has continued to set the standard for snow removal, well-maintained grounds, buildings, vehicles, and more.

## Hometown Heroes

*Standing:* Don Balog, Mark Parker, Ilana Skoff, Meg Miller, Joe Sarakaitis, Michele Seyranian, Mayor Justin Berns, and Chris Arrietta.

*Sitting:* Irving Berger and Erika Gold.

*Not pictured:* David Miller, Jim Frolking, and Maya Greller.

## **Don Balog Firefighter Hero**

Don, the city's 2022 Firefighter of the Year recipient, has served as a firefighter and paramedic for 24 years and counting. He is an original member of the BFD Honor Guard and Hilltech Rescue Team. Don has been a leader within the department who fellow members look up to.

## **Irving Berger Resident Hero**

Irving is an original founder of Beachwood 100. He moved to the city in 1959 and has resided here every since. Irving is a World War II survivor who celebrated his 97th birthday in January 2023.

## **Jim Frolking Military Hero**

Jim, a retired WWII Fighter Pilot, 99 years young, enlisted in the Army right after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He has shared his experiences at Normandy Beach as well as his 51 successful missions. On his 52nd mission, he

watched his plane spiral and crash as he ejected from the cockpit.

Luckily, he was rescued by a Dutch family that hid him in their house from the Germans. His story is one filled with courage.

## **Erika Gold Volunteer Hero**

Since 2006, Erika has volunteered over 2,500 hours at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. Born in Budapest, Hungary, Erika is a Holocaust survivor who shares her story with thousands of students and cautions the younger generation against the dangers of discrimination, intolerance and hate.

## **Maya Greller Student Hero**

Maya is a Beachwood High School student who has the most community service hours for this year – 384! She has volunteered at Menorah Park, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, and Gross Schechter Day School.

## **David Miller Police Hero**

Ptl. David Miller exemplifies the definition of "Protect and Serve." As a proud veteran of the United States Army, David defended our country. He is equally devoted to serving the citizens, workers, and visitors of the City of Beachwood.

## **Meg Miller Teacher Hero**

Meg is a Master Special Education Teacher and Crystal Apple Winner with the ability to create caring relationships with staff, students, and families in the Beachwood City School District.

## **Mark Parker School Hero**

Mark is a Crystal Apple Winner who is dedicated and takes pride in his work. He goes out of his way to make Hilltop students smile.



**Joe Sarakaitis**  
**Military Hero**

Col. (RTD) Joseph F. Sarakaitis enlisted in the Army after graduation from Miami University and was commissioned in 1963. He spent 26 years in a series of command and staff positions, including two tours in Vietnam. Col. Sarakaitis retired in 1988 as the Garrison and Installation Commander of Fort Meade, Maryland. Col. Sarakaitis and his wife Marsha were married for 60 years and have 4 children. He was a loving husband, is a loving father and grandfather, and is always the first to remind us to thank veterans for their service.

**Michele Seyranian**  
**Resident Hero**

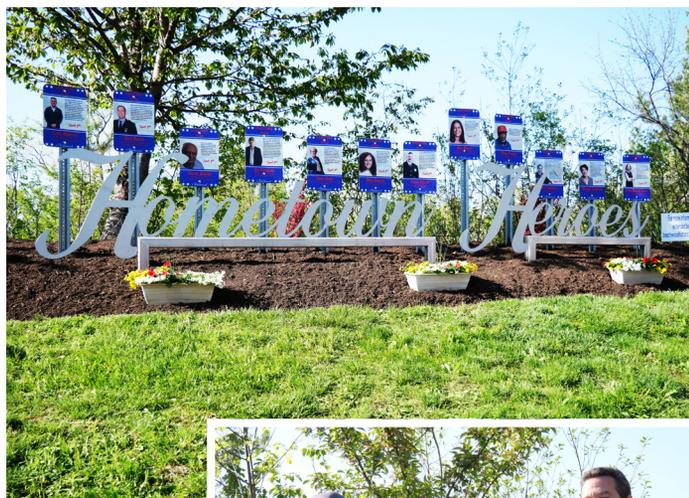
Michele serves as CEO of The Gathering Place, a nonprofit in Beachwood serving individuals and families coping with cancer. Touched by cancer herself as a

caregiver, Michele's empathy and compassion radiate. Under her leadership, The Gathering Place has impacted countless lives in the Cleveland area and beyond.

**Ilana Hoffer Skoff**  
**Resident Hero**

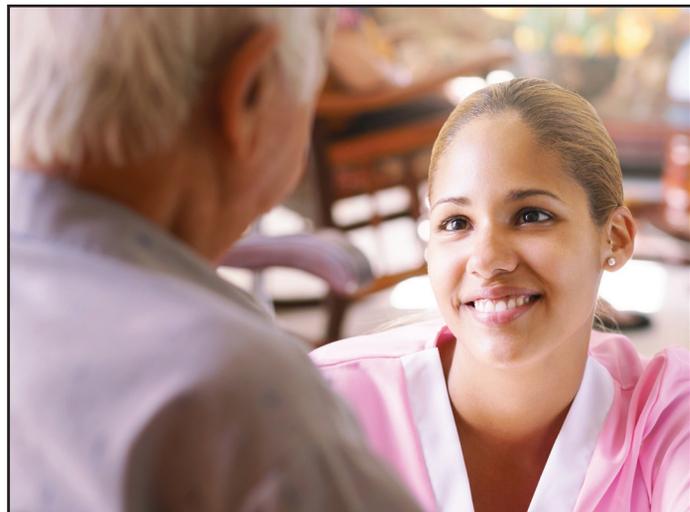
Ilana is the executive director and co-founder of Milestones Autism Resources, a nonprofit serving Northeast Ohio and beyond. Over the past two decades, Ilana has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of autistic individuals and families. Through her passion and dedication, the organization has expanded from a staff of two to 20 with a greater impact on the region.

**Hometown Heroes is an annual program. The Hometown Heroes Garden is located in Beachwood City Park West, by the parking lot on Shaker Boulevard East. Nominations for next year's program will be solicited in January 2024.**



Hometown Heroes Garden in Beachwood City Park West

Jeff Moss, Chris Arrietta, and Mayor Justin Berns. Jeff nominated Chris as a Hometown Hero.



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# The Choice

By Jen Stern

To be thankful for the generations that came before us is to live with intention, integrity, compassion, and the obligation to do better, since we all know better. It is our choice that our words and actions are rooted in grace, goodwill, care. It is our choice to take the time (make the time) to care, and to use our words and actions to lift and grow instead of judge, diminish, takeaway.

No one lives without pain, loss, vulnerability, fear. No one lives wanting to feel invisible, less than, not enough, separate from.

Life is a miracle. The years we are gifted are beyond our control. The moments we are in are not.

How do we create moments filled with gratitude, purpose, compassion? How do we live giving ourselves and others grace, the benefit of the doubt?

We have the choice to acknowledge the fragility of life, understanding that each of us is here for an uncertain and limited amount of time. How we spend this time becomes our legacy.

Every day we have the choice to view the world through the

lens of gratitude as if everything is a miracle, an opportunity to make our lives, the lives of others, our world, better.

From the clouds drifting in the sky to the grass growing beneath our feet, there are so many little miracles to notice and appreciate. There is so much beauty that surrounds us.

We have the choice to decide where our energy goes. What we will focus on. What we will grow.

We have the choice to build bridges in place of walls. We can choose benevolence in place of anger, judgment, reactivity, or rejection in every interaction.

It is my privilege to spend my days holding space for the pain

and loss of others. Understanding on a soul level how meaningless conflict, comparison, or scorecards are because, in an instant, everything changes.

*We have the choice to decide where our energy goes. What we will focus on. What we will grow.*

Unfinished business and unresolved grief are unnecessary burdens that no one should carry. Choose to forgive, to give the benefit of the doubt, to show grace, to love, whenever possible.

Take the time *now* to appreciate the beauty that surrounds you. To love and be loved. The generations that came before dreamed of a better world. It is up to each of us to live in a way that honors their vision and to live in reverence of their dreams and improve upon them. To do so is your choice, eventually becoming your legacy.

*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](http://www.transformativegrief.com) and sign up for monthly posts.*



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# UH Ahuja Medical Center Holds Grand Opening Events for Phase 2 Expansion

**New Emergency Department opens June 5; additional new services open to patients June 27**

University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center is celebrating the grand opening of its Phase 2 expansion with a program and tours for lead project donors on Friday, June 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. and for the community on Saturday, June 10, from 2 to 4 p.m.

UH Ahuja Phase 2 will be in full operation for patient services later in June, with the new, expanded Emergency Department opening June 5 and additional services opening June 27. The \$236 million project is expected to bring more than 500 new jobs to the community.

The medical center's footprint has almost doubled in size with the addition of a 222,000-square-foot, three-story hospital pavilion addition and 76,200-square-foot UH Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute.

The buildings were designed and developed by HKS Inc. Architects, Gilbane Building Company, and Sodexo construction management. Gilbane and HKS served in similar roles when the original hospital opened in 2011. For more than 10 years, UH has prioritized utilizing a diverse range of suppliers for construction projects, and UH Ahuja Phase 2 continues these efforts. The expansion is currently exceeding project goals for minority participation, local workforce utilization, and female business enterprise engagement.

"UH Ahuja Medical Center was always intended to be a facility that would grow and evolve with the community to meet their needs," said Percival Kane Jr., MHA, Chief Operating Officer, UH Ahuja Medical Center. "We successfully charged forward by almost doubling the size of our footprint while revolutionizing the way we deliver care. We not only expanded services that are outgrowing our original configuration, we designed new buildings from the ground up to allow our caregivers to efficiently provide quality health care and enhance patient experience."

UH Ahuja Phase 2 paves the way for a number of new health and wellness services, including:

- **UH Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute:** Serving athletes from peewee to pro, the UH Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute is a local and national leader in delivering superior, comprehensive sports medicine services. The space includes a 45-yard football training field, an outpatient rehabilitation space, a sports walk-in clinic and dedicated high-tech imaging.
- **Steve and Loree Potash Women & Newborn Center:** Designed to meet the growing need for higher-level maternity and neonatal care in an easy and accessible location, the Steve and Loree Potash Women & Newborn Center offers labor and delivery services, the Richard Horvitz and Erica Hartman-Horvitz Neonatal Unit, high-risk pregnancy services, a Level II special care neonatal unit, and two on-site surgical suites to support multiple birth plans.



Percival Kane Jr., MHA,  
Chief Operating Officer,  
UH Ahuja Medical  
Center.

- **UH Cutler Center for Men:** With the help of the UH Cutler Center for Men, patients will be motivated to see a doctor regularly to address concerns before they become major health problems. Overlooking the William Barr III Fieldhouse, the waiting area includes a pool and foosball table, Cleveland Browns stadium seating, and a Zen area where patients can relax. The Center offers an additional focus on minority men's health, and is helping men take control of their health through personalized concierges, called the Joe Team.
- **UH Breast Center:** The UH Breast Center provides innovative and personalized care aimed at preventing, diagnosing and treating benign and malignant breast disease. As part of the UH Seidman Cancer Center, this new Center serves as a one-stop resource, where patients can receive a diagnosis, treatment plan and have surgery – all in one place. The UH Breast Center also features the latest diagnostic technology, including five new mammography rooms.
- **Emergency Department and Short-Stay Unit:** The new Emergency Department (ED) at UH Ahuja Medical Center nearly doubles in size to 43 beds. It includes two trauma bays and five fast-track rooms. Offering both adult and pediatric emergency care, the ED was designed with the family in mind and provides spacious rooms. In addition, a new 23-bed Short-Stay Unit will provide dedicated observation services.
- **Surgery Center:** The Phase 2 expansion increases operating room (OR) capacity at UH Ahuja Medical Center by 80 percent with the addition of eight new ORs, bringing the total number of OR suites to 18. Initially, four ORs will open and allow for expanded surgical and endoscopy services, including more orthopedic, general and gynecology services. A new Central Sterile Processing (CSP) area, which cleans, sterilizes and prepares medical instruments, features decorative glass walls. From an infection prevention standpoint, the walls are not only easy to clean, but also gave the CSP team an opportunity to customize their work environment with picturesque landscape images.

"As an anchor healthcare institution on Cleveland's east side, we look forward to opening these new and expanded services to our community," added Kane. "We are reimagining the way health care is delivered, both in-person and through technology, and are excited to introduce a new level of customer service that will support and make it easy for our patients to stay healthy."

For more information about the expansion project, please visit: [UHospitals.org/AhujaExpansion](http://UHospitals.org/AhujaExpansion).



# A Republican Rule Change Will Be on the Ballot in August

By State Senator Kent Smith



In mid-May, the Ohio General Assembly approved a measure, Senate Joint Resolution 2, that will put a constitutional amendment before voters during an August special election. That measure would change the victory margin of all future constitutional amendments. The August statewide issue would eliminate the 50% + 1 victory margin and replace it with a new winning threshold of 60%.

In the simplest terms, this potential constitutional change threatens majority rule in Ohio and the longstanding core democratic value of “one person, one vote.” The August constitutional amendment is another way for Ohio Republicans to ignore the will of the people. Forty-one percent of the population could deny the desires of 59% of Ohioans.

Preceding the vote, *The Toledo Blade* wrote an editorial about the importance of maintaining majority vote. They wrote, “There are far reaching but

unforeseeable consequences to a radical revision of Ohio’s Constitution. A moral issue decided without the moral authority of majority rule will only deepen political animosity.”

Why would Ohio voters, from any political perspective, ever vote for something that could limit their power in the future?

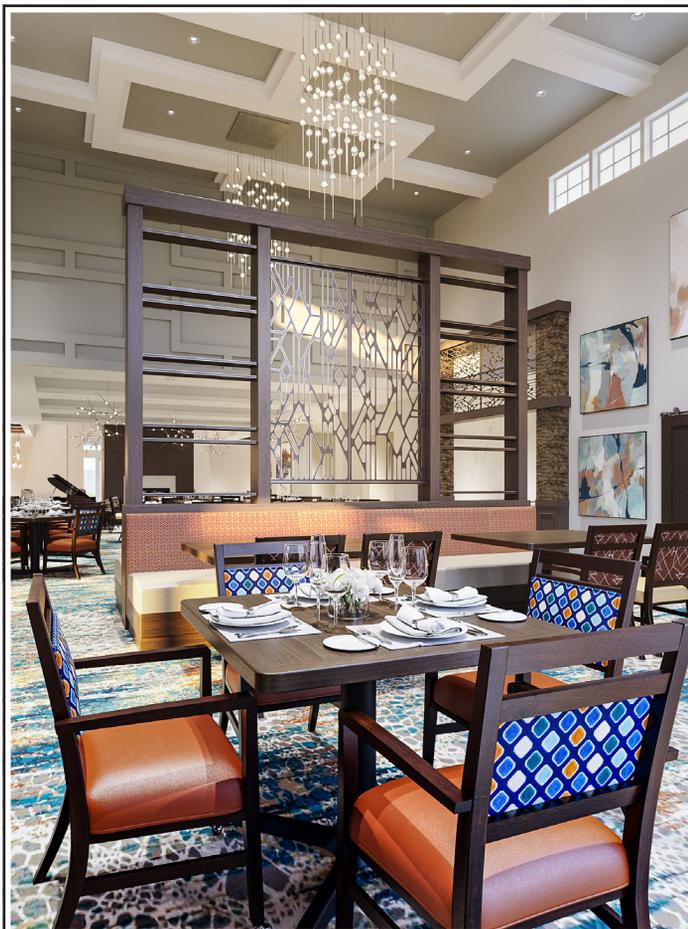
The true GOP motivation is clear. This attempt to change the rules in August 2023 is to help defeat the reproductive rights constitutional amendment scheduled for the November ballot.

Speaking of the people, the Ohio Statehouse was flooded with protestors while this legislation was being debated in both chambers. During our session in the Senate, we could hear the chants of the protestors gathered in the Statehouse. While those voices were heard by me and my Democratic colleagues, sadly, they were not listened to by Republicans.

While we do not have all the final election details, we do know that together we can protect majority rule in Ohio

and “one person, one vote” in August. In doing so, we can help give women back their constitutional rights to make their own health care decisions in November. If we don’t succeed at both, every Ohioan will have fewer rights than they had a year ago.

*State Senator Kent Smith represents Ohio’s 21st Senate District which includes most of the East Side suburbs of Cuyahoga County and about 33% of the City of Cleveland.*



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# Memorial Bench Installed in Beachwood City Park West to Remember Lifelong Friends

**K**aren Agin Feingold and Lori Berk Blum were best friends since childhood. “They grew up together thick as thieves, from the stories they divulged,” said Tracy, Karen’s daughter.

Karen was diagnosed with colon cancer and lost her battle five years ago. Then, last year, Lori was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and passed away just two months later.

Amy Finkenthal, Arlene Rosen, Tammy Heksch, and Karen Rukin were devastated by the loss of their two close friends – way too soon – and wanted to do something to show their love and support to both families.

“We thought of installing a bench with a memorial plaque in Beachwood City Park,” Amy told us. “So we reached out to Derek Schroeder, the city’s Community Services director. With his support, Casey, Lori’s daughter, walked through the park to find the perfect location, which is by Sulgrave Road and Shaker Boulevard West.”

Once the word went out to family and friends, money was quickly raised, with an outpouring of love, to make this idea reality. Plus, additional funds collected were donated to benefit colorectal and pancreatic research.

Karen and Michael’s children, Tracy and Samantha, told us, “Our mom and ‘Aunt’ Lori were friends for as long as we can remember. They could talk for hours about what seemed like nothing. They partook in each other’s weddings and even had matching pictures to prove it on their respective bedroom dressers, a constant reminder of their friendship. It gives us some peace of mind knowing they are together again, looking down on their girls and watching us grow up. We are so thankful for the beautiful bench

and plaque that was donated in their honor. It is in the perfect place!”

Lori’s children and husband, Casey, Alyssa, and Marc, shared that as a lifelong Beachwood resident Lori truly loved where she lived. She enjoyed being a part of this tight-knit community and she deeply cherished her friendships. One of her favorite outdoor activities was to power-walk along the paths of Beachwood Park. When doing so, there was no time for chit-chatting – yet she did flash a bright smile and enthusiastic wave which were just as heartwarming as her conversations.

“Although my mom’s vibrant personality and contagious laughter are profoundly missed, our family and friends now have a peaceful place within her favorite park to honor her life and for that, we are eternally grateful,” said Casey. “On behalf of our entire family, we thank her lifelong friends for bringing this idea to life. We also thank all of the donors from near and far whose generosity has ensured that my mom’s memory will continue to live on throughout the Beachwood community.”

Amy, Arlene, Tammy, and Karen shared their feelings with Karen’s words:



“A childhood friend never leaves your heart, no matter how far apart you may be. Some of us met at Fairmount Elementary School and some at Beachwood Middle School back in the late 60s and early 70s. For all of us, it was an instant connection filled with play dates, hours on the phone, and an abundance of fun.”



# BAKED by Abbie • Key Lime Pie

Recipe adapted from *Southern Living*

**A** cool, silky, and rich Key lime pie is a fitting way to complete special summer holiday meals, like Father's Day.

Did this refreshing citrusy dessert originate in Florida? Not exactly. According to *Southern Living*, the pie originated with a condensed milk manufacturer in New York City – except with lemons! At some point, Floridian bakers swapped the lemons for local Key limes and voilà, this heavenly confection was created!

Regular limes, known as Peruvian limes and found all year long, can be substituted. The smaller Key limes, however, are less tart, have a floral aroma, and retain some yellow in their leathery peel, even when ripe. Native to tropical Southeast Asia, these limes also grow

in India, Egypt, and various countries in the West Indies.

According to USCitrus.com, Mexico sends about 725,000 metric tons

of Persian and Key limes to the U.S. each harvesting season. In the Florida Keys, peak season is June to September. And that is perfect timing to make and enjoy this wonderful treat!



## One 9-inch Graham Cracker Crust (purchased) or gather

- 1 ½ cups (about 11 crackers) finely ground graham cracker crumbs
- ½ cup sugar, white or brown
- 6-7 T unsalted butter, melted

## Directions

Pulverize crackers. Combine crumbs, sugar, and melted butter in a mixing bowl. Mix until well blended. Using a spoon, press mixture into the bottom and up the sides of an 9-inch pie plate. Bake 10 minutes at 350°F. Cool.

## Pie Filling

- 1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
- 3 egg yolks

- 2 t lime zest (either from one Key or Persian lime)
- ½ cup Key lime juice (either fresh or bottled)
- optional: ¼ cup sour cream or plain Greek yogurt

## Topping:

- 1 cup whipping cream beaten with 2-3 T powdered sugar
- Lime zest and/or slivers

## Directions

- Preheat oven to 350°F. With a hand mixer on low, whisk together condensed milk, egg yolks, lime zest, juice, and sour cream, if using, until well blended.
- Pour into prepared pie crust.

- Bake for 15-25 minutes or until pie is set. Cool completely (1-2 hours).
- Garnish with whipped cream and additional lime zest.

*Abbie Nagler Sender, a licensed, award-winning baker, is the owner of BAKED by abbie, a home bakery that offers customized baked goods with a Jewish twist.*

*For more information, visit [www.BAKEDbyabbie.com](http://www.BAKEDbyabbie.com) and like her Facebook business page, BAKEDbyabbieCLE.*

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"Karen had a presence. When she was in the mix, we always knew we were going to have a great time and boys would be involved. Throughout Karen's life, she lit up any room she walked into. She was very outgoing, hardworking and strong minded.

"Lori was very easy going. She loved to work out, was always in great shape, loved birthday cake, and loved the sun. She especially loved to laugh, and what a contagious laugh it was!

In recent years, Lori enjoyed reminiscing about BHS days and class reunions.

"As children, Karen and Lori were both the youngest of three siblings, lived a block away from each other, and were the best of friends. Then, they were college roommates at University of Cincinnati. Friendships like ours were rare.

"They continue to live in our hearts with 50-plus years of memories. We love you and will miss you forever."

*Opposite page, from top: Karen and Lori through the years; Karen and Lori with their husbands, Michael and Marc; Arlene Rosen, Karen Rukin, Tammy Heksch, and Amy Finkenthal; Samantha and Tracy Feingold; Casey, Marc, and Alyssa Blum.*

*Right: Marc reflects while gazing at the memorial plaque.*



# Beachwood Sisters Are a Class Act

By Arlene Fine

Laurel students Natalie and Sophia Casa, 18, could not have scripted a more rewarding senior year. The Beachwood twins received critical acclaim for *A Formal Night Evening*, a school musical they wrote and produced this school year. The show, which raised money for the Cleveland Kids' Book Bank, was nominated in the "Top Stage Performance" category for the prestigious 2023 High School Standout Awards, presented by Cleveland.com and *The Plain Dealer*.

But that's not all. Sophia wrote a short play that was chosen as a winner of Dobama Theater's 45th Annual Marilyn Bianchi Kids' Playwriting Festival. Hers is one of 10 plays that will be presented on the Dobama stage June 2-4.

The talented duo credit their parents, musicians Jennifer and Patrick Casa, for their ongoing interest in music and theater and for immersing them in cultural arts at an early age. The girls' home was filled with music and their parents encouraged them to experiment with the many musical instruments they had on hand. "We had Playhouse Square subscriptions and were fortunate to travel to New York to see Broadway shows," said Natalie.

As youngsters, the twins earned their acting stripes at local theater camps and community youth theater, particularly Beachwood Youth Theatre. At age 10, Natalie began taking script writing classes and during COVID lockdown, Sophia used her free

time to hone her piano playing skills and learn more about film production, animation, and script development.

Upon their entrance to Laurel in the fourth grade, the sisters had many opportunities to express themselves in the arts. They participated in school productions either as crew or starring actors. "Our teachers were supportive of our interests every step of the way," said Sophia. "When we presented the idea of writing and producing our musical, *A Formal Night Evening*, they helped make the production a reality. The show was conceived, written, and performed by Laurel students, but staff gave us the tools and platform to make it a reality. They provided the direction, technical support, and costumes and helped promote the show in ways we could never do ourselves."

Creating a play with 10 original songs and lyrics, and an 80-page script, could be daunting for most teens, but

Sophia and Natalie quickly learned to organize their time and develop detailed schedules to keep the production rolling. They collaborated on writing the script, with Natalie writing the lyrics and Sophia the music.

"The show meant so much to the people who were part of the production and inspired some of our friends to get more involved with theater."

— Natalie Casa

After the initial momentum and excitement of getting their dream production off the ground, the sisters realized their biggest challenge was to keep their priorities straight. "We had many emails to reply to and lists to make," said Natalie.

Their responsibilities were so varied the twins put on different hats as they "worked with all sorts of people, and adapted quickly to different situations," said Sophia.

They both followed their father's advice, which was to step back, take a deep breath, and tackle one task at a time.

Reflecting on their production's success, both girls agree one of the biggest rewards of putting on the show was its impact on their classmates. "The show meant so much to the people who were part of the production and inspired some of our friends to get more involved with theater," said Natalie. "And I'm so glad we were able to use the production as a platform to raise money and awareness for the Cleveland Kids' Book Bank."

After working at summer jobs, the sisters are heading off to college. Natalie will attend Denison University in Granville, Ohio, where she will double major in cinema and English, and Sophia is attending Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, with a double major in journalism and film.

The stage is set for the Casa sisters – stay tuned! *A Formal Night Evening* is available to watch for free on Youtube, under the channel Casa House Productions.



Award-winning playwrights, Natalie and Sophia Casa.



Sophia, standing, and Natalie Casa perform in *A Formal Night Evening* at Laurel School.

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

We are very excited to announce the launching of a new page on our website to demonstrate the City's sincere commitment to investing in and supporting local, minority and women-owned businesses. We are actively searching for minority-owned businesses and vendors working and living in the City of Beachwood while seeking the best value for goods and services. The new webpage makes it easy to register with the City. We plan to use this information to build our internal database and as a resource to our community. Please visit the page at [BeachwoodOhio.com/purchasing](http://BeachwoodOhio.com/purchasing).

The new page also showcases our purchasing policies and procedures. The procurement of all supplies, materials, equipment, and services for the City of Beachwood is made in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes and/or regulations, and our internal controls are tested by the state auditor annually to ensure compliance. The City of Beachwood is a charter city which means we operate under the City's local charter and ordinances, rather than a statutory City which operates under the general laws of the state.

### Purchasing 101

In Beachwood, any expenditure over \$25,000 must be approved by City Council. And any purchase of \$50,000 or more requires sealed competitive bids unless purchased under state bid pricing or another cooperative purchasing group approved by the Ohio Revised Code or City Ordinance (those products have essentially been bid by another government organization). Additionally, Council may waive competitive bidding. Some reasons this may occur include: a sole source distributor or manufacturer; compatibility with our existing software or equipment, or a product that is custom or unique.

### PURCHASING

**\$25,000** ↑

Must be approved by Council.



**\$50,000** ↑

Must be competitively bid, unless waived by Council.

### Professional Services

A professional service is a personal service of a specialized nature requiring the exercise of a unique skill and aptitude such as an architect, doctor, lawyer or engineer.

Professional services are selected based on qualifications. After the selection is made, the City reviews costs to ensure a fair price. A presentation was given at a public Council committee meeting regarding our engineering services to help illustrate the difference in professional service contracts and general contracts. If you're interested in more information on the subject, the presentation can be found online at [bit.ly/BeachwoodEngineeringProposal](http://bit.ly/BeachwoodEngineeringProposal).

We encourage you to take the time to visit and familiarize yourself with our website [BeachwoodOhio.com](http://BeachwoodOhio.com) which has a lot more to offer than just this new purchasing page. There is a calendar of events, information on our public meetings including agendas, minutes and recordings. There is also an abundance of information about

our departments and many resources for our residents and businesses. Beachwood has a lot to offer and the administration and City Council are committed to making sure that your tax dollars are spent prudently.

Mayor Justin Berns  
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THE INSIDER



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## LEGISLATIVE RECAP - MAY

**2023-52** – Council approved a bid award to Tri-Mor for an amount not to exceed \$500K (slab and joint quantity) for our Concrete Patch Program. Tri-Mor is a quality contractor with the lowest and best bid who has successfully completed several road projects. This work is proposed for Richmond, Commerce Park, Mercantile and South Green Roads.

**2023-53** – The City previously passed legislation for GPD to provide limited engineering services for a Traffic Signal System upgrade (12 intersections along and/or adjacent to Richmond Road) to improve traffic operations in an amount not to exceed \$111,500. Since that time, the City requested a contract modification to completely reconstruct the 12 intersections. This approach was recommended because the traffic stanchions are at the end of their life expectancy (over 30 years) and we wanted to be proactive in replacement as the most cost-effective time to do so is when we are already doing work at those intersections. This includes the pedestrian signals and ADA ramps at the crosswalks. The additional design estimate, which was approved by City Council, is \$167,693. The design fees for this project are estimated at approximately 6% of the construction and well under the industry standard. Once this project is designed, it will be bid and awarded in accordance with City Policy. This project was discussed at length in a public meeting held on May 1, 2023.  
<https://beachwoodoh.new.swagit.com/videos/225314>

**2023-55** – The 2023 Alternative Tax budget was presented to City Council and placed on first reading. The purpose of an alternative tax budget is to let the County know the amount of property tax we are requesting and is used by the County to set the City's property tax collection for 2024. There will be a follow-up resolution accepting the rates from the County. This item must be read at three separate Council meetings before passage. As previously voted on by City Council, the City of Beachwood will not be levying any charter millage.

**2023-56** – The Building Department permit fees were updated to require a deposit for all new single-family homes. This has been implemented in an effort to ensure that contractors keep our streets clean from debris and dirt during the construction process.



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## PROJECTS APPROVED FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Council approved several motions seeking authorization to **competitively bid** the following city projects:

1. The installation of new **basketball courts** just west of the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center parking lot. The goal is to have these basketball courts completed this summer.
2. The installation of **EV Charging Station(s)** at the Community Center parking lot adjacent to the future Community Gardens. Our goal is to have these charging stations constructed this summer.
3. The **replacement of windows** at the Municipal Center. These windows were installed about 20 years ago and are deficient. They have broken seals and etching on the glass.
4. The **replacement of all nonfunctional parking lot lights and the addition of LED lights to existing lighting poles** located in the City Hall, Community Center, Police Department and Aquatic Facility parking lots.

More information regarding these agenda items can be found on our website.  
[BeachwoodOhio.com/AgendaCenter](http://BeachwoodOhio.com/AgendaCenter)

### UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

**City Council:**  
June 12 at 7:00 p.m.

**Planning & Zoning:**  
June 29 at 6:30 p.m.

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

# WORK-LIVE-LEARN..THRIVE

## FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Families throughout the Beachwood community came together on Sunday, May 7, for an afternoon of tours, demonstrations, a kid's challenge and more at the Public Safety Center. The open house welcomed an estimated 1,000 attendees. The Beachwood Fire Department would like to personally thank everyone in attendance and all the staff that made it possible.



An auto extrication demonstration outside the Public Safety Center. Photography by Discovery Photo.



Who doesn't love a high-five from Sparky?!

## MCKAYLA SZABO SWORN IN

McKayla Szabo was sworn in on Monday, May 8, as the newest Beachwood Firefighter/Paramedic. She has worked part-time with the City of Brecksville for just under one year and with University Hospitals in the emergency room since January 2022. McKayla's uncle, who set her on the path to becoming a firefighter, is a Captain with the Parma Fire Department. McKayla is the second full-time female firefighter and paramedic for the City of Beachwood.

Right: McKayla Szabo being sworn in by Mayor Berns at City Hall on Monday, May 8.



## GREEN ROAD CLOSURE

Beginning in mid-June (exact date to be determined), Catts Construction will start the Bryden and Green Road Storm Sewer Improvement Project. This is a very comprehensive construction project and is scheduled to be completed within 120 days of the start date.



Please be advised this will affect traffic patterns in that area. Green Road will be closed from Chagrin Boulevard to S. Woodland Road with local access only. In addition, Bryden Road will be closed from Letchworth Road to Green Road with local access only. Both of these closures are effective through the duration of the Storm Water Improvement Project. Digital message signage will alert drivers a few weeks prior to the closures so alternative routes can be planned. Detour signs will be posted once the project begins.

Periodic project updates will be posted on the Public Works Facebook page (@BeachwoodPublicWorks) and also on the construction webpage, BeachwoodOhio.com/PublicWorks.

Questions? Please call Public Works at 216.292.1922.

## FERTILIZER SAFETY REMINDER

When fertilizing, please make sure fertilizer stays on the lawn and is cleaned from sidewalks, driveways and streets. Chemicals also pose a health threat to pets. Failure to remove granules from previously mentioned locations is a violation of Ohio Pesticide Law. Please be sure to advise your landscaper to comply while fertilizing.



# ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Second graders in Bryden Elementary School's Student Leadership Council and Save the Earth Club joined city administration and council members for the annual Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, May 5. Mayor Justin Berns gave an Arbor Day proclamation, students read a poem and then got to work planting two red maple trees along Letchworth Road with Chris Vild, Environmental Manager for the City of Beachwood. City council members Josh Mintz and Danielle Shoykhet were in attendance to lend a hand.



Mayor Berns, city administration and council members with the Bryden students.

# HAVE YOU SEEN A FOX?

According to Animal Control, foxes provide a vital service in controlling the rodent population. Animal Control does not recommend their removal. The Humane Society reports that typical adult cats and dogs are not at risk from a fox attack, though kittens and very small (less than 5 pounds) adult cats could be prey for a fox so it's best to keep those cats indoors. Foxes have a natural fear of people and will usually run away if they see you. If they have learned to associate people with food, you may scare them away with squirt guns or loud noises (similar to how you would haze a coyote). For more information, please search "foxes" at [humanesociety.org](http://humanesociety.org). Foxes can be trapped by a private, certified firm but cannot be relocated (they must be euthanized). Because of this, there has to be a history of the fox being a nuisance for it to be trapped.



A family of young foxes living in a resident's backyard this spring!

# CALLING ALL TREE-RIFIC LOCAL ARTISTS

The Beachwood Art Gallery within the Community Center is seeking artists for their *Tree-rific Exhibit*, September 14 through October 7. This exhibit will focus on the beauty and importance of trees, nature and environmental stewardship.

This opportunity is open to professional and amateur artists, 18 years and older. Both 2D and 3D works in all mediums are welcome within a 25-pound weight limit. Limited to original work only.

All hanging work must be backed, dry and wired for hanging. Any work deemed by Beachwood Art Gallery to be too fragile for public display or not wired sufficiently will not be accepted. No sawtooth hooks.

Please call 216.292.1911 by July 28 for more information or to express interest in participating.

# HELP, I HAVE A SEWER BACKUP!

If you are experiencing a sewer backup, Public Works can help!

- **Why should residents contact Public Works at 216.292.1922 first?**

Beachwood Public Works has staff with a combined 100+ years knowledge and skill in the sewer field. There is no cost to a Beachwood resident for the sewer services provided by Beachwood Public Works. Our first and only priority is to get the problem resolved. If it is determined the issue is beyond the scope of Beachwood Public Works or is an internal issue, we will make a recommendation on the next steps.

- **What does Public Works do when they arrive?**

Public Works does all their work from the outside. First, they will locate the outside clean outs (inspection or test tee) and a camera will be inserted into the line to get a visual of the blockage. If a blockage is located in the lateral, Public Works will either snake and/or jet to clear the line. Though rare, there are cases Public Works is unable to clear a blockage (or the issue is located in the internal plumbing) and the resident must contact a private contractor.

- **What if I have a backup after hours or on the weekend?**

If it is after normal operating hours (Mon. – Fri., 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.), please call Beachwood Dispatch at 216.292.1935 and they will contact Beachwood Public Works.

- **What should not be flushed or put in the drain?**

The most common causes for blocked laterals are tree roots, grease, feminine hygiene products, wipes, facial tissue and paper towels. Tree roots are difficult to prevent, but there are preventative measures for the others. If a residence has a history of roots in the laterals, we recommend calling Beachwood Public Works for a yearly inspection. Even if wipes (paper towels or facial tissue) are marked flushable, they should be placed in the rubbish. Grease should never be placed in the toilet or a drain. Please remember: Only water, human waste and toilet paper should be placed in the toilet or drains. If in doubt, throw it out in the rubbish.

- **Can Beachwood Public Works recommend a private contractor to a resident?**

Beachwood Public Works cannot make recommendations on a private contractor. The Beachwood Building Department has a list of contractors who are registered to work in the City of Beachwood.

# JUNE RECREATION GUIDE

# JUNE TEENTH

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## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Beachwood Beats is back with a free summer concert series on Tuesday and Thursday evenings!

### Outdoor Concerts - Family Aquatic Center, 6:30 p.m.

- June 6: Masterpiece - Motown, Funk, R&B
- June 13: FM77 - 70s Tribute Band
- June 20: Tischler Klezmer Orchestra - European Soul
- June 27: Rachel Brown & The Beatnick Playboys - Oldies, Country, Honky Tonk
- July 11: Blue Lunch - Swing & Blues
- July 18: Funkology - 50s Music Through Today
- July 25: Risk Factor - The Rock Spectrum

### Indoor Concerts - Community Center, 6:30 p.m.

- June 8: Red Light Roxy **\*50 Year Resident Salute\***
- June 15: Light of 2 Moons - Doo Wop Music
- June 22: Piano Cleveland - Watch Party & Family Fun
- June 29: Marshall Griffith & Virginia Crabtree
- July 6: Moss Stanley Duo - Pianist & Vocalist
- July 13: Nick Puin Quartet - Great American Songbook
- July 20: The Four Kings and a Queen - Motown
- July 27: Dan Zola Orchestra - Big Band

### 50 YEAR RESIDENT SALUTE, JUNE 8:

The City of Beachwood would like to invite all residents who have lived here for 50 years to join us for a moment of special recognition at the June 8 concert. Newly minted 50-year residents will receive a commemorative gift. If you have not been recognized previously, RSVP by calling Community Services at 216-292-1970 prior to June 5.

Beachwood Family Aquatic Center

# DISCO

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# NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE TRIP

Join Beachwood Community Services as we travel to Niagara-on-the-Lake for the Shaw Festival and more, August 8-10. We will explore downtown, see two shows, head into Toronto for an afternoon, visit a winery and on the way home, we will make a stop at the Duty-Free Shop!

The trip includes transportation, two nights at The Prince of Wales Hotel, two performances (*Gypsy* and *The Shadow of a Doubt*), tour of CN Tower, Casa Loma, wine tour and tasting, five meals and gratuities. Double occupancy is \$1,150 per person and single occupancy is \$1,420 per person. A \$200 deposit is due upon registration. The final payment is due by June 30.

## BAGELS WITH BERNS

On May 3, Bagels with Berns was held at the Beachwood Community Center in celebration of Older Americans Month. The Mayor spent the morning connecting with residents and answering their questions over a delicious morning snack.



Presented by the Beachwood Historical Society & City of Beachwood



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### BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:

**My Art Through The Ages** | June 8 - August 5 | Artists' reception on June 11, 1:00-2:30 p.m.  
Artwork by Mikhail Bratslavsky, Marcia Gross, Nikki Harris, "Hutch" Stoller and the Skufca family.

## BEACHWOOD SENIORS

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS & TRIPS

- **Making Waves: Stories of Summer**  
Friday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.-Noon, Community Center  
Residents \$25, Non-Residents \$30  
Sit back and sip some lemonade as Amy Rosenbluth guides us through a creative writing experience. Amy is the co-founder of Lake Erie Ink, a writing space for youth and academic support. Register by June 16.
- **Ann Arbor Day Trip**  
Thursday, July 20, 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., depart from Community Center  
Residents \$90, Non-Residents \$108  
Visit the amazing Ann Arbor Street Art Fair and The Guild's Summer Art Fair with over 900 artists on hand! Transportation provided. Lunch and dinner at your own expense. Register by June 15.
- **Chautauqua Institution Day Trip**  
Wednesday, August 2, 7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m., depart from Community Center  
Residents \$143, Non-Residents \$172  
Enjoy a morning literature lecture with Kwame Alexander, a *New York Times* bestselling author. After the program, grab lunch at The Athenaeum. Transportation, lunch, gate pass and snacks included. Register by June 27.

### SENIOR DAY OUT

**The Art of Love: Artistic Love Stories & Affairs**  
Thursday, June 15, at Noon  
Beachwood Community Center

Residents \$13  
Non-Residents \$16  
Program Only \$5  
Register by June 6.

Music may be the food of love, but art has also acted as a powerful aphrodisiac. It is often said that the greatest artists also have the greatest love affairs. Let's look at famous couples whose intense passions sparked each other's best works. Join Felicia Stadelman for this *Through the Eyes of the Artist* program!

Meal choices by Caterology include a BBQ chicken salad or a vegan delight (grilled red and yellow peppers, onions, zucchini and yellow squash on vegan friendly focaccia bread). All entrees served with a beverage and dessert. Register by Tuesday, June 6.

Register for events at [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com), City Hall or call 216.292.1970.

# WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

## THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### TIES STRENGTHENED WITH FRENCH LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS

Mayor Justin Berns and Economic Development Director Cathy Bieterman attended a business development luncheon last month with Consul General of France Yannick Tagand and Cedric Le Rouge, Executive Director for the French American Chamber of Commerce, at the French-themed Edwin's Restaurant in Shaker Heights. The French American Chamber of Commerce's office is located in Beachwood.

The objective was, in part, to find connections for local businesses looking to conduct business in France. The meeting also provided an opportunity to engage with the Collaborative Chamber Alliance which represents multiple local and international chambers including the British American Chamber, Greater Cleveland Chinese Chamber, Hungarian Chamber, Nigerian Chamber, Swedish-American Chamber and other global chamber representatives.



Mayor Berns among local leaders.

Later in the afternoon, the General Counsel, Cedric Le Rouge and Cathy Bieterman met with Eaton's Vice President of Public Affairs & Community Affairs and Eaton's Corporate Communications and their Director of Public Affairs Electrical Sector Public and Community Affairs to discuss further collaboration around their sector business operations and engagement on changing policies among other supportive initiatives.

Our Economic Development Office collaborates with regional and international organizations, such as Team Neo's Global Business Development, to foster new business relationships, bring new opportunities to local companies and identify resources that can further support the global presence of our business community, especially pertaining to cluster development initiatives.

If your business is interested in developing international business relations, please contact Cathy Bieterman at [CatherineBieterman@BeachwoodOhio.com](mailto:CatherineBieterman@BeachwoodOhio.com).

### UH'S CONNOR WHOLE HEALTH RELOCATES

The City of Beachwood is pleased to welcome University Hospital's Connor Whole Health to its new location at 3723 Park East Drive. The space has been made possible through the generosity of Sara and Chris Connor. This state-of-the-art facility was intentionally designed to include spaces for meditation, music therapy and yoga therapy, in addition to patient rooms for all clinical services.



### ELEVATE YOUR BUSINESS, CONNECT WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT!

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# Beachwood 100 Scholarship Program

On April 27, Beachwood 100 held its annual awards' reception at which four high school seniors whose parents serve on Beachwood safety forces were awarded scholarships.

This year's event took place at the Beachwood Community Center, with master of ceremonies Andy Baskin, who welcomed guests. Ivor Kiwi, board president, then provided background information about the organization and shared recent accomplishments.

"Beachwood 100 is grateful for the opportunity to support the city's first responders in multiple ways, and this scholarship program is our most meaningful and rewarding annual activity," said Ivor. "We're thankful to all of our sponsors, members, and city officials who support our mission."

Deputy Chief John Resek then shared information about the partnership between

the Police Department and Beachwood 100, followed by a video message from police Chief McLaughlin.

"We are so grateful for Beachwood 100 and its support," she said. "Over the past year they graciously donated \$20,000 to assist the city in updating our Police Department gym equipment, provided financial support to an officer's family after he sadly lost his life to cancer, and continue with this amazing scholarship program. They continue to look for ways to support the Beachwood Police and Fire Departments, and we are so thankful."

This year's applicants and recipients were all children of Beachwood Police Department

staff. They include Amanda Combs (Detective Luke Combs), Bowen Dansizen (Patrol Officer Amy Dansizen), Tommy Krakora (Sgt. James Krakora) and Ricky Lessick (Capt. Richard Lessick). Among attendees at the event were Mayor Justin Berns and City Council members Josh Mintz, Danielle Shoykhet, Eric Synenberg, and June Taylor.

Each recipient read their essay and received a \$2,500 scholarship.

Jointly, recipients described their parents with these words: Hero. Inspiration. Bravery. Caring. Strong. Courageous. Character. Integrity. Service. Selfless. Determined. Smart. They all view their parents as great role models and have great pride for what they do, along with fear and concern when they're on-duty.

Beachwood 100 was established in 1969 and supports the safety forces who protect our community. Members raise money through dues and corporate

sponsorships to create a contingency fund that is used to aid our city's safety forces in times of personal emergencies, to fund scholarships for graduating seniors whose parents are members of Beachwood's safety forces, and to purchase safety and exercise equipment for the city's police and fire departments.

*"We're thankful to all of our sponsors, members, and city officials who support our mission."*

*– Ivor Kiwi, president,  
Beachwood 100*

The business community is invited to join Beachwood 100 at its summer kick-off networking event, Business @ the Beachwood Truck Park Expo, on Wednesday, June 21, 4-7 p.m. Details in ad. To learn more about Beachwood 100, visit [www.beachwood100.org](http://www.beachwood100.org).

**Business @  
the Beachwood Truck Park Expo**

Beachwood Truck Park  
24619 Chagrin Blvd.  
Wednesday, June 21 - 4-7 p.m.  
**Free Networking Event!**

Network, meet local business owners, and support Beachwood 100 on the first day of summer! Raffles, giveaways, food trucks, cash bar, and more.

You may also reserve a table to promote your business with a \$100 tax-deductible donation to Beachwood 100. Only one business per industry will be available so book your table today. Sign up by contacting Michelle Ryb at 216.292.7112 or [supplylady56@aol.com](mailto:supplylady56@aol.com).

**SUPPORTING THE SAFETY FORCES  
WHO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY**



Beachwood 100 board members Ivor Kiwi, Ali Amini, Drew Barnholtz, Michelle Ryb, Raja Kumar, Susie Loparo, and Alan Berger with scholarship recipients Tommy Krakora, Amanda Combs, Bowen Dansizen, and Ricky Lessick.

# BEACHWOOD CITY SCHOOLS

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## Community Supports Elementary Facilities Project

Voters in the Beachwood City School District approved a 3.95-mill bond issue last month to fund a \$65 million construction project to build two new elementary schools, replacing the Bryden and Hilltop schools and updating the Fairmount Early Childhood Center. "With the approval of this bond issue, the Beachwood community is investing in education for its future generations. We will now be able to maintain our tradition of educational excellence and provide the inspiring, high-quality, and secure facilities our students and staff deserve," said Dr. Robert P. Hardis, superintendent.

The 37-year borrowing will cost \$138.25 per year for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value of a home. In April, Beachwood City Council agreed to pause levying the City's 2.4 charter mills for up to three years following the successful passage of the bond issue. The property tax partnership will maintain a flat tax rate for residents and businesses at the current 5.68 total bond and charter millage rate. "This tax partnership demonstrates the collaborative spirit with which the District and City approach economic development," said Treasurer Michele Mills. "We view this arrangement as a win-win-win for commercial and residential taxpayers, the city, and Beachwood Schools."

Last year, the District developed a master plan with input from hundreds of community members to construct two new elementary facilities at their current locations – a new

62,500-square-foot Bryden Elementary for kindergarten through second grade and a new 66,300-square-foot Hilltop Elementary for grades three to five. The facilities project also includes repairs and updates to the Fairmount Early Childhood Center. "Community engagement will be essential to the design of facilities and grounds that serve the entire Beachwood community," said Board of Education President Megan Walsh. "The Board will work diligently to ensure fiscal responsibility throughout the design and construction of these capital assets and oversee that the project is delivered on time and on budget."

The Board of Education is planning a series of input sessions over the coming months with residents, staff, and city officials. A schedule of upcoming community meetings will be posted on the District's Elementary Facilities Updates webpage at [www.beachwoodschoools.org/ElementaryFacilitiesUpdates.aspx](http://www.beachwoodschoools.org/ElementaryFacilitiesUpdates.aspx).

## Ninth Grader Jiahe Liu Qualifies for Mathematical Olympiad Program



Jiahe Liu

Beachwood Schools warmly congratulates ninth grader Jiahe Liu for qualifying to participate in the Mathematical Olympiad Program at Carnegie Mellon University, June 6 - 28. The three-week intensive camp is for students with exceptional math abilities and prepares them for the International Mathematical Olympiad. Jiahe is one of 80 U.S. students invited to this selective program from a pool of over 300,000 American Mathematics Competition participants. To qualify, students must be top scorers at the USA Junior Mathematical Olympiad, a rigorous two-day competition held in March. At Carnegie Mellon, Jiahe will learn university-level mathematical theorems and techniques, including number theory, combinatorics, Euclidean geometry, and other specialty topics. He will hear talks from internationally recognized leaders in the field of mathematics and participate in problem-solving exercises and math games. "It's pretty amazing to see Jiahe's work and knowledge as well as his excitement," said high school math teacher Carmela Cirra. "We are excited to see how he continues to grow and compete in future competitions."

## EVENTS CALENDAR



### End-of-Year Celebration

Thursday, June 1, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
City of Beachwood Pool Parking Lot  
25125 Fairmount Blvd.

### Bison Talk

Thursday, July 13, 5 p.m.  
Board of Education  
24601 Fairmount Blvd.

### Back-to-School Night

Sunday, August 20, 3:30 p.m.  
Beachwood High School  
25100 Fairmount Blvd.



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# Bison Winter Sports Review

## Boys Basketball

For just the second time in school history the Beachwood boys basketball team advanced to the OHSAA Regional Championships and captured their second-ever district championship. This team was led by seniors Nathan Lurie, Noah Page, Max Page, Josh Jones, Braylen Eaton, Mar'Quis Pinkney, and Michael Keselman. The team finished third in the Chagrin Valley Conference with a 17-9 record. Senior Nathan Lurie earned Second Team All Ohio honors, First Team All District, All Great Lakes Outstanding Player, CVC MVP, and he scored his one-thousandth point this season. These accomplishments put him in elite status as one of the best players in school history.



## Swimming & Diving

The Bison swimming and diving team added to these successes. Five swimmers advanced to the Ohio High School Athletic Association swimming and diving championships. The team was led by seniors and state qualifiers Evan Warner and Owen Shook. Evan had a record-setting season as he broke the school record in the fifty-meter freestyle while finishing seventh in the state. Freshman duo Colin Elwell and Derek Fan, along with sophomore Kevin Zhang, set the Bison up for many years of success. All three of them advanced to the state championships and made claim to being some of the top underclassmen in the state. Colin was voted Chagrin Valley Conference Outstanding Swimmer. The boys team won the CVC for the fourth year in a row. Coach Brad Burget was voted CVC Coach of the Year. Nina Mayers and Kendall Finley led the girls team.



## Girls Basketball

The girls basketball team was led by first-year head coach Don Readance. We had a strong senior class, which consisted of Taylor Blackwell, Kirsten Lee, Audrey Hardis, Briahna Golubitsky, and Haya Shehadeh. Taylor finished her high school career earning CVC First Team and All District honors while Briahna and Haya earned honorable mentions.



## Wrestling

The Bison wrestlers finished their season with a big crescendo. Seniors Josh Greenwood and Uzonna Nzekwe finished second and third at the Ohio High School Athletic Association state championships. As a team, the Bison finished twelfth in the state. Josh, Uzonna, and fellow senior Eric Steckner all finished their careers with more than one hundred victories. This marks the first time in Beachwood history that three wrestlers all achieved this milestone in the same season. This team was led by head coach Jimmy Greenwood.



## Indoor Track & Field

The Bison indoor track team capped off the winter season with a fourth place team finish at The Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches state championships. The girls team was led by Dakota Houston, who finished third in the state in the long jump, and Kylie Walters, who finished seventh. The boys team was led by David Steckner, who finished fourth in the 400-meter dash and ninth in the 200-meter dash. David, along with teammates Caleb Berns, Vincent Crenshaw, and Johnathan Perry, placed third in the 4 x 400 relay. Vincent placed ninth in the 800-meter run. The 4 x 200-meter relay team finished fourth in the state and included Mattix Revells, Osita Ogor, Strahinja Dimitrijevic, and David Steckner. The team is coached by head coach Willie Smith.

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## Beachwood Schools Expands K-12 Literacy Programs

To help students thrive in a rapidly changing, technologically advanced world, Beachwood Schools is taking a proactive approach to expanding its K-12 literacy programming, focusing on early intervention and evidence-based instruction to meet each child's needs. "Teachers have gone through extensive training, and new staff is being added to provide a customized approach to literacy instruction," said Linda LoGalbo, director of curriculum and instruction.

### Science of Reading

Students in kindergarten through third grade are learning the foundational skills of reading and writing through the Foundations curriculum, a systematic phonics-based program grounded in the science of reading. The science of reading addresses how children learn to read and how the reading process works in the brain. This approach allows teachers to target specific skills and provide early interventions as needed. "Bryden teachers are highly skilled at getting to know each individual student and their specific needs and strengths," said Michelle Mayer, a reading specialist at Bryden Elementary.

In addition to teaching decoding and spelling, the elementary curriculum strengthens students' reading

comprehension, background knowledge, and vocabulary through exposure to rich literature and multi-leveled classroom libraries. "Each teacher provides 'just right' books for students at all reading levels," said Ms. Mayer. "We want to meet all students right where they are and challenge them to learn, grow, and progress."

### Customized Literacy Instruction

This customized approach continues at Beachwood Middle School. Students participate in activities such as book clubs to analyze increasingly complex texts and use a variety of digital platforms, including Newsela and CommonLit, for individualized learning. "Our ELA teachers are dynamic, engaging, and constantly customizing instruction to meet students' skill level, needs, and interests," said reading intervention specialist Michelle Besett.

For students who need extra support, Beachwood Middle School provides a continuum of services to meet the varied needs of each child. The middle school recently added a reading tutor, and Mrs. Besett also participated in a yearlong training program for the Wilson Reading System, which is considered the "gold standard" program for students who need more intensive, explicit instruction. "This will provide a continuation of programming options that have been in place at Hilltop and Bryden," said Mrs. Besett.



## BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS



### Recent Resolutions

- Amended Five-Year Financial Forecast
- Hired Director of Operations Neil Bennett
- Approved Summer Curriculum Writing Hours

### Future Resolutions

- Hire Fairmount Early Childhood Center Director for 2023-2024
- Approve Contract with Food Services Provider
- Executive Session Regarding Chagrin Highlands Litigation

### Board Meeting Calendar

- June 12, 2023 @ 7 p.m.
- June 26, 2023 @ 7 p.m.

### Choice and Autonomy

At the high school, the ELA course offerings have been expanded to better prepare students for 21st century college and careers. Juniors and seniors can choose either a yearlong course, such as American Literature or AP Language and Composition, or a combination of two semester courses in Journalism and Media Literacy, Creative Writing, Film as Literature, African American Literature, and Contemporary Literature. Starting in the 2023-2024 school year, seniors may also take a college-level English course taught by English department chair Dr. Casey Matthews in partnership with Cleveland State University. "It's like a tic-tac-toe board," said Dr. Matthews. "Students can decide exactly what and how they want their literacy experience to look like."

Giving high school students flexibility and choice is key, she said. "What we know about student learning is that motivation is really important," said Dr. Matthews. "When students have a choice and feel like they have autonomy over how they're going to learn, they tend to be more engaged."



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## Alumni Spotlight: Larry Gordon (Class of 1971)



“Service before self.” Alumnus Larry Gordon (Class of ‘71) exemplifies this code, having served for more than forty years as a courageous first responder and firefighter. Larry continues to answer the call of duty in retirement as a member of the Beachwood Civil Service Commission and community volunteer.

After graduating from Beachwood High School, Larry began his career working for a Cleveland-

based emergency ambulance service. Between shifts, he took night courses in electrical engineering at Cuyahoga Community College and Lakeland Community College. In 1973, Larry accepted a position as a part-time firefighter with the Willoughby Hills Fire Department, balancing this role with his college coursework and full-time position with the ambulance service. “I liked the physical and mental challenge of responding to emergency calls of the unknown since every call is different from the next,” said Larry.

It was at the Willoughby Hills fire station where Larry discovered his life’s calling. “It didn’t take long for me to realize that my true passion is in helping someone during one of the toughest days of their lives, whether it be a medical emergency or protecting their property from fire or a natural disaster,” he said.

Larry changed gears and began the rigorous training to become a career firefighter. He graduated from paramedic school in 1977 and went on to obtain Ohio firefighter level-2 certification in 1979. The 26-year-old completed his civil service exam for the City of Pepper Pike as one of the top scorers, landing one of two coveted spots as a firefighter/paramedic for the Pepper Pike Fire Department. “Competition was extremely tough during that time since the unemployment rate was very high,” said Larry.

In 1984, Larry received his state teaching certification. On his off-shift days from the fire department, he enjoyed teaching new recruits at the Fire Training Academy located on the western campus of Cuyahoga Community College. Larry was appointed in 1997 to the Ohio Department of Public Safety subcommittee for firefighter and fire safety inspector training, which established training standards for Ohio firefighters and fire safety inspectors.

Larry retired in 2012 and enjoys spending time with his family, including his wife Rene (Class of ‘73) and two grown daughters. He stays active by exercising at the gym seven days a week. Larry also volunteers weekly at the Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center, where he serves on the Board of Directors.

Larry’s words of wisdom to current students? “Choose a career that will fulfill your personal interest and goals,” he said. “Don’t be influenced by people trying to steer you into a career that they want you to do. Do what’s in your heart.”

**Alumni: Share Your Story!** Go to [www.beachwoodschoools.org/alumni.aspx](http://www.beachwoodschoools.org/alumni.aspx).

## Social Scene

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# Support the Arts!



Beachwood Arts Council invites you to become a member of one of the finest arts councils in Northeast Ohio.

For nearly 60 years, BAC has offered a variety of arts programming, including:

- Exhibitions of artwork of local and national artists
- Tours, including museums, gardens, and artist studios
- Sunday Sounds Concert Series, offering a diverse selection of musical performances
- Annual art shows, including the juried regional high school student show and the Beachwood K-12 show
- Special events, featuring visual, musical, performing, and culinary arts
- Hands-on projects, where participants create the art, such as glass blowing and silk scarf painting

Additionally, BAC gives back to the community by granting the Si and Shirley Wachsberger Arts Scholarship Award each year to a regional high school senior who will pursue his or her artistic dream in college.

We hope you will join us and help support our efforts to showcase the arts in Beachwood and neighboring communities. We welcome members anytime during the year; however, our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. Membership levels include: Connoisseur, \$100; Patron, \$75; Family, \$50; Individual, \$30; and Student, \$15 (under 25 years old).

Please send your dues (payable to BAC), email address, mailing address, and phone

number to Beachwood Arts Council, 25225 Fairmount Blvd., Beachwood, OH 44122. In doing so, you will join others who believe that supporting BAC is not only worthwhile, but also gratifying. Additionally, if you would like to be a sponsor (minimum \$250), please contact Tobi Mattes, sponsorship chairperson, at 216.765.8031.

Please visit our Facebook page at Beachwood Arts Council or our website at [www.beachwoodartscouncil.org](http://www.beachwoodartscouncil.org). Call us at 216.595.3400 for comments or questions.

Thank you,  
Ellen Hacker and  
Rosemary Nemeth  
BAC Membership Co-Chairs

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# Family Kindness Festival

Family Kindness Festival, presented by Senders Pediatrics in partnership with Beachwood City Schools, took place at Beachwood High School on Sunday, April 30.

Nonprofits, innovative students, and area schools joined together to celebrate the importance of kindness. They were joined by more than 2,100 kids and families who attended the free community festival. The event was designed to inspire students (and their parents) to see that no act of kindness is too small and that individual acts of kindness add up and can have a big and meaningful impact on friends, classmates and our communities.

"We are overwhelmed by the attendance and enthusiasm displayed at this year's Family Kindness Festival. Children and their families had fun connecting with and being inspired by more than 50 nonprofits, along with

child and adolescent social entrepreneurs, all of whom are helping make the world a better place," said Dr. Shelly Senders. "In a world often filled with overwhelming anxiety and depression, it was a hopeful sign indeed, that even for one afternoon, it was *cool* to come together to celebrate kindness and generosity of spirit. We hope this event becomes a staple in the springtime activities of Clevelanders for many years to come."

"Beachwood Schools' hosting of the Family Kindness Festival aligns seamlessly with our district's mission, 'To develop intellectual entrepreneurs with a social conscience,'" said Dr. Robert Hardis, superintendent. "We are proud to participate in this annual event that draws thousands of families and features acts of kindness that amazing young people engage in year-round."

Attendees left feeling uplifted and motivated to have fun, do good, and be kind.



Claire Matthews, Shin Hashiba, and Patrick Srithai at their Save the Earth booth.

Debby and Dr. Shelly Senders.

Sharnez Payne and her son, Parker, visit the Share What You Wear booth by National Council of Jewish Women.

It was a perfect day to enjoy ice cold treats provided by East Coast Custard and Kona Ice.

Photos by Mariana Edelman Photography & Design



# Rube Goldberg™: The World of Hilarious Invention!

## Exhibit Now Open at Maltz Museum

*Rube Goldberg™: The World of Hilarious Invention!* opened on Wednesday, May 24, with a family-friendly launch event.

Created by the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh in partnership with the Heirs of Rube Goldberg, the exhibit showcases Pulitzer Prize-winning humorist and inventor Rube Goldberg's iconic contraptions and celebrates his humorous storytelling and inventive cartoons.

Inspired by Rube's original illustrations, the exhibit contains a collection of new 3D, life-size machines and hands-on, interactive components that connect Rube's iconic cartoon contraptions to the way things work in the physical world. These experiences provide insight into the legacy of Rube and how classic engineering principles can be reimagined as entry points for deeper exploration of STEAM concepts for 21st century learning. Visitors can activate and create

crazy chain-reaction contraptions that use everyday objects to complete simple tasks in the most overcomplicated, inefficient, and hilarious ways possible. Rube's machines are many things, but they aren't perfect. Find the fun in failure stepping into the role of illustrator, storyteller, and inventor.

Highlights include: See a Rube-inspired way to paint a picture in the 3D version of Ed Steckley's *An Epic Way to Paint a Picture*®. Move balls and ramps to trigger chain reaction machines in Wall Machines, then figure out how they work by resetting each part. Be inspired by Rube's drawing techniques to create your own hilarious cartoon in the Art Studio and then see how it looks at the Revolvometer. Pull ropes to start a series of musical chain reactions in the large-scale sound animation Music Machine. Step into one of Rube's iconic wearables, *Self-Operating Napkin*®, for a one-of-a-kind photo op.

To accompany the special exhibition, the Maltz Museum will be hosting unique programming for all ages. For complete details, visit [www.maltzmuseum.org](http://www.maltzmuseum.org).

### Storytime Stay and Play

Thursdays, June 1 - August 24  
10:30 a.m.

### Monthly Family Fun –

#### Sign up before these sell out!

Sunday, June 4 • 1:30 p.m.

**Rick Smith Jr. Explores the Magic of Imagination**

Sunday, July 9 • 1:30 p.m.

**Let Your Imagination soar with**

**Upcycle Parts Shop**

Sunday, August 6 • 1:30 p.m.

**Jumping Jitterbugs with Great Lakes Science Center**

### In the Gallery Show and Tell

Fridays, June 2, July 7, and August 11 • 11:30 a.m.

Hear stories about our gallery

objects and share stories about your heirlooms. New themes monthly.

### Creative Brain & Body Boosts

Fridays, June 23, July 21, and August 18 • 11 a.m.

Join wellness expert Julie Konrad as she offers fun ways for seniors to keep their brains and bodies fit.

### All About Rube!

Wednesdays, June 14, July 12, and August 16 • 7 p.m.

In June, meet his granddaughter. In July, watch the film he wrote, *Soup to Nuts*. In August, see comedic short plays with Faye Sholiton.

**THE WORLD OF HILARIOUS INVENTION!**

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## JOIN US THIS SUMMER!

### STORYTIME STAY AND PLAY

Thursday • June 1 - Aug. 24 • 10:30 am

### IN THE GALLERY SHOW AND TELL

Friday • June 2, July 7, Aug. 11 • 11:30 am

### MONTHLY FAMILY FUN

Sunday • June 4, July 9, Aug. 6 • 1:30 pm

### ALL ABOUT RUBE!

Wednesday • June 14, July 12, Aug. 16 • 7 pm

### CREATIVE BRAIN & BODY BOOSTS

Friday • June 23, July 21, Aug. 18 • 11 am

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# Congratulations to Beachwood Stop the Hate Winners

Now in its fifteenth year, the Maltz Museum recently announced its Stop the Hate Youth Speak Out and Stop the Hate Youth Sing Out Awards.

Through the generosity of Milton and Tamar Maltz, the Maltz Museum's contests annually award a grand total of \$100,000 to Northeast Ohio middle and high school students, teachers, and schools who are standing up to bias and discrimination through individual essays and group songs. Individual awards ranged from \$100 to \$20,000.

Congratulations to Beachwood residents Tia Tian (Hathaway Brown), Annaya Jain (Beachwood Middle School), and Ritika Iyer (Beachwood Middle School) who won prizes in their age groups.

## Tia Tian

I can't always be perfect. That's my first thought as the scores are projected on the screen for the Kahoot game we just played. I know what it'll say, and I have a sinking feeling that I know what'll happen next. Cheering and laughter fill my ears and then the shouting starts. "I beat her!" "Ha! She didn't win!" "OMG!" "She isn't first!" These are the words that I hear, but in my head I hear the hidden meaning behind their words. "I'm better than her." "She lost." "She isn't good enough." On the outside I'm smiling and laughing along, but on the inside I'm sinking a little deeper into the part of my mind that believes and agrees with all the words they don't say.

Their words were fists punching me until I was black, blue, and bloody. I wanted to run to the bathroom and cry, but I didn't want to let them know how their words affected me. My teacher had just turned on the light, and as the ceiling lights glowed like fireflies in the night, the laughter finally faded and my whirlwind of thoughts and emotions started to calm.

Some part of me realizes that what they're doing is wrong and that it doesn't matter what they say. I also know that I don't have to be perfect all the time, but three years ago I was someone who was always looking for approval from people. I had grown up with Asian-American parents who had raised me to always get good grades and do the best. To me, that meant that I had to do everything right, get every question right, and get a perfect score on everything. Somewhere along the way, I think that my classmates had started believing that me making a mistake was some kind of miracle and something to be pointed out, shouted about, and something to have a spotlight shone at for everyone to see.

Looking back, I'm glad that it happened even though I was young. I'm glad because it taught me to be strong and to believe in myself even if nobody else does. It also taught me how to be confident with myself and be happy with my best and not others' best. Though I've moved on, I'll always remember how that one moment completely changed my opinions and perspective. I'll always remember how I had started dreading the class I used to love and how I started getting panicky and anxious every time we played the game.



Tia, grade seven, was awarded second place and received \$100. Annaya, grade eight, was awarded first place and received \$400; and Ritika, grade eight, was awarded second place and received \$100.

Congratulations also go to Gianna Miller, Rocky River High School, who won a 4-year \$20,000 scholarship. Additionally, her high school received a \$5,000 Anti-Bias Education Grant. Her essay, and those of all the winners, may be viewed at [www.maltzmuseum.org/STH23](http://www.maltzmuseum.org/STH23).

Tia, Annaya, and Ritika's winning essays are published below.

At my school, we have affinity groups for many minority groups, and I'm part of the Asian affinity group. I want to be able to shine a light on this bias toward Asian-Americans and show people that it happens and how it affects people. I also want to tell people about the lasting effects these incidents have on the victims so that we might all be able to help make a change and maybe make someone's day a little brighter.

*I'm glad because it taught me to be strong and to believe in myself even if nobody else does. It also taught me how to be confident with myself and be happy with my best and not others' best.*

## Annaya Jain

"Stop honking your dang horn, kid!" My brother had honked the horn once. Well, maybe not once, but not enough to get bothered by. I would assume that these people had never had kids before; my brother was only 8 years old. These would be the acts of any ordinary child. But my brother isn't ordinary.

He's more than ordinary – extraordinary perhaps. He's had behavioral problems his whole life and is definitely on the spectrum somewhere. So many people have neglected him in so many places without even knowing his story. "I don't wanna sit next to you, you have problems!" The words of his own classmates in school.

"Hey kid, you're on my driveway again. SCRAM!" Our neighbor. Cruel, cruel neighbor, who seemed like he hated kids (especially my brother, apparently). My little brother has this electronic red car that he rides around the neighborhood, and he is very famous for it. It's like everyone in the neighborhood knows him as the "kid who rides that red car around." Every single day, this neighbor comes out and starts screaming at my brother for riding the car around his house. I'm shocked at how much he cares – it can't be bothering him that much. Consistently screaming at an 8-year-old boy with no regrets. Because of how far the situation went, my mom even had to call the cops.



I was horrified at how careless and cold-hearted people can be, even with kids on the spectrum. They don't understand how hard life can be with a child with severe delays.

All of this just makes me feel bad for my poor little brother and especially mad at these kinds of people. Whenever these things happen, I always ask myself how people can be so heartless. It's easy to tell if someone is slightly on the spectrum or not – and that's okay! Everyone is different, with different abilities, disabilities, and conditions.

We need to turn this community into a world that shows care and compassion towards everyone: people of different backgrounds, different sizes, races, genetics, and on the spectrum. The innumerable times that I've seen my brother being screamed at, humiliated, neglected, or hated on has made me want to

strive for a change for the better, more and more each time. Of course, when the situation is dealing with adults, my parents take care of it, but whenever I witness something like this in front of my eyes, I am determined to make a change.

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Together, we can light up this huge community called Earth and strive to really stop the hate.

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In response to these events, I have made it my duty to educate anyone disrespecting kids with autism and disabilities. I can be the light source, and by enlightening people on this topic, I can eventually spread this light for change. Together, we can light up this huge community called Earth and strive to really stop the hate.

## Ritika Iyer

"What is that? Sour cream?"

"No, it's –"

"I personally wouldn't want to eat that."

August of 2017 was when I moved to the United States for the second time in my life. Having lived in India five years prior, I was still not used to the customs and mannerisms of Americans. Lunchtime in third grade was really when I got to absorb everything; these new sights and sounds taught me a lot and helped me to fit in more. What did not help me fit in, however, was my lunches.

Every day I brought Indian food to school, a cuisine that not too many people at the time were familiar with. One look at my food would spur questions upon questions, making me really flustered. All of them were very obviously condescending, which didn't help. Do I answer the question and make it weirder than it needs to be or make people mad by circumventing the situation? These thoughts always swirled through my head because, at the time, making myself appear normal to other people was my top priority.

Unfortunately, these stares and questions did eventually make me stop eating my food: my wonderful, delicious food that my mom woke up early every morning to make. The guilt in my chest only continued to build, but I at the time I would have rather been like everyone else instead of embracing my culture.

Sure enough, I started to be left alone when my food wasn't present to everyone. I was

happy, but very internally conflicted because I was depriving myself of nutrition and good food.

In a place like America where we're in our own box in terms of cultures, it's very easy to side-eye the things other people do and judge them for it. The initiative that I can take to become more aware of other cultures is to ask about them, and not judge people for it. Many people in my area are Jewish, so they take a lot of days off toward the beginning of the year. Because of this, I have come to know a lot more about Jewish holidays, and this is just one culture. In general, by just asking the simple question "What do you do for this holiday?" or "What is this food?" I can become more aware about world cultures. It also makes it easier for me to understand other people and the things they do rather than judging them for it.



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It is unfortunate that, as Americans, we are in the dark about our peers and their ethnicities. If in the vast expanse of blackness, I can be a tiny shimmering light that sheds some light on this topic, I will be taking the initiative to help Stop the Hate.

## Foodscape Offers Sensory Journey



On June 18, 2-5 p.m., *Foodscape: A Sensory Journey through the Land of Israel*, will bloom on the Mandel Jewish Community Center's Beachwood campus.

Visitors are invited to experience this multi-sensory mobile art exhibit during this limited-time outdoor experience. Guests will investigate the sights, sounds, and smells of the land of Israel, a country with a rich and diverse ecosystem. They can examine the Holy Land and its history through transported soil, herbs, citrus, and wildflowers, calling upon their senses to map and define the agricultural identity of each region.

Participants of all ages can walk outdoors among Israel's *fields* and watch as herbs *grow* in front of their eyes. They can see herbs being distilled to create Gazoz, a popular carbonated Israeli beach soda. They will be able to enjoy a glass of this refreshing soda, which highlights the tastes of each region.

*Foodscape* was created by Studio Mela, a partnership between Israeli artist, performer, and chef Carmel Bar, and Israeli designer Michal Evyatar. The mobile art exhibit is presented by BAMA and the Jewish Arts Collaborative. This program is generously supported by the Jewish Federation of Cleveland through an Israel at 75 Microgrant.

Admission is free. To register visit [mandeljcc.org/foodscape](http://mandeljcc.org/foodscape).

## Find Your Voice Now

Find Your Voice Now, a nonprofit organization founded by Annie Roth and Mary Ellen Bartlett, supports women in toxic relationships; women who are feeling unheard and alone, and are searching for the strength to believe in themselves.

This group was established as a safe space to share, discuss, and simply listen to other women who may be going through similar hardships.

Find Your Voice Now meets every other Thursday. Upcoming events are June 1, 15, and 29. You may join a one-hour session by visiting [meetup.com/find-your-voice-a-women's-support-group/](https://meetup.com/find-your-voice-a-women's-support-group/)



## Team Walkie Talkies Places Second in Step It Up Challenge

Teams were running, jumping, and challenging each other to get healthy during Health Action Council's Spring Step It Up Challenge. In partnership with MoveSpring, the Step It Up Challenge is a four-week step program that brings employers all the benefits of an official step program without all the administrative hassles, while improving health and wellness.

Team OSM from Swagelok took home the win with an impressive 840,756 total steps, followed by Walkie Talkies from Beachwood Schools, with 532,723 average total steps. Team members included Lucia Siupinys, Michelle Mayer, Angie White, Tim Thomas, and Annie Bracale, who won a healthy lunch and a \$200 donation to either a local school garden project or Ronald McDonald House Charity.



Team Walkie Talkies, from left: Tim Thomas, Angie White, Lucia Siupinys, Annie Bracale, and Michelle Mayer.

The competition attracted 55 teams and 544 total participants, earning 118,990,079 total steps, which unlocked a \$500 donation to Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis. Team members confirmed that the challenge kept them motivated and more aware of their daily steps.

"The challenge was a fun way to motivate one another to reach our goals," said Angie from Beachwood

City Schools. "We learned healthier habits and ways to add in extra movement each day."

There were also individual and mini-challenge winners. If you're interested in hitting the trails and joining the Summer Step It Up Challenge, June 5 – July 2, visit [www.healthactioncouncil.org](http://www.healthactioncouncil.org). Questions? Contact Noelle Reinhart at [nreinhart@healthactioncouncil.org](mailto:nreinhart@healthactioncouncil.org).

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# Move It! For Menorah Park 2023

**M**ove It! For Menorah Park 2023, a 5K run/walk and 1-mile fun family walk that took place on May 7, was a success thanks to chairs, sponsors, volunteers, and participants.

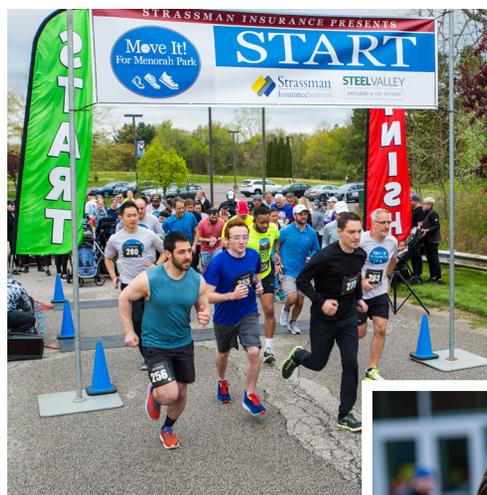
Rain threatened on the morning of the race, but it did not dampen the spirits of the runners and walkers who were there to *move*.

Many families walked or ran together, and then stayed to sing and dance with Jesse Jukebox after the race.

Congratulations to first-place winners Tyler Bolaney and Jen

Waters. Overall race winners may be found at <https://tinyurl.com/MPMoveIt>. Donations are still being accepted at <https://tinyurl.com/MPMoveItDonate>. Residents and staff thank all who participated and/or made a donation.

*Move It! 2023* co-chairs were Andy Isaacs, Cole Pesses, David Saltzman, and Marty Shankle.



Please save the date, Sunday, May 5, 2024, for next year's *Move It!* event.



Off to the races!  
Ken Marblestone, chair of the Menorah Park Foundation with daughter Hayley;  
Diane Liliestedt, Menorah Park president and COO.

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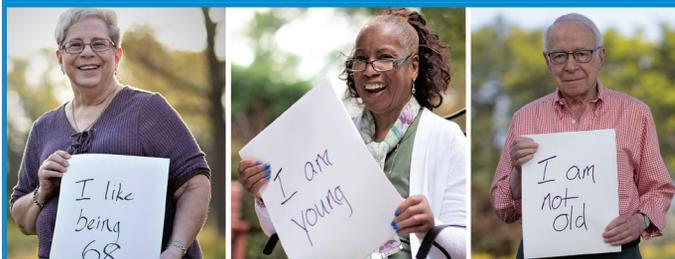
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# Yarn Over Beachwood

Yarn Over Beachwood members knit, crochet, and loom items for different organizations and charities throughout Northeast Ohio. Goup members share ideas, patterns, projects, websites, links to patterns, and more.

The group meets the first Friday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m., at the Beachwood Library. Upcoming dates are June 2, July 7, and August 4.

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](mailto:lbrtyclub@gmail.com) or 216.375.9111.



Crafters created hats for “Hats not Hate,” the group’s project against bullying. This is an ongoing project.

## BHS Class of 1973 50-Year Class Reunion

**Labor Day Weekend**  
**Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Elle Restaurant & Lounge**  
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# Saltzman Youth Panel Grants \$45,000 for Community Needs

**T**hirty Jewish high school juniors and seniors from public and private high schools across Cleveland have come together to recommend grants totaling \$45,000 to 18 organizations for crucial programs in the Jewish and general community through the Jewish Federation of Cleveland’s 2022-2023 Maurice Saltzman Youth Panel.

Saltzman Youth Panel was established in 1998 through a generous gift from Shirley Saltzman z”l and her family in memory of the late Maurice Saltzman z”l. The program is designed to help educate the next generation of Jewish community leadership, a passion of Maurice Saltzman, who was a past board chair of the Federation. Each year, a new Saltzman Youth Panel allocates up to \$50,000 to worthy organizations – 85% of which are awarded to programs serving the Jewish community and 15% awarded to nonprofit programs serving the general community. Through this experience, the participants learn about the philanthropic process and responding to community needs.

“Federation is proud to offer such an important leadership opportunity to educate and inspire our youth,” said Daniel N. Zelman, Federation board chair. “As a community we owe a debt of gratitude to the Saltzman family for their foresight and generosity in perpetuating the legacy of Maurice Saltzman through this endowment fund, which has a meaningful impact on future leaders.”

Panelists and Solon High School juniors Ariella Kozlov and Abby Siff presented the panel’s recommendations to the Federation’s Board of Trustees on May 4, 2023. Recommendations from the panel were unanimously approved by the board.

Among the grants were: \$4,000 to Bellefaire JCB for



2022-2023 Maurice Saltzman Youth Panel

at-risk, struggling families and youth who are experiencing crisis; \$4,000 to Jewish Agency for Israel for Yesodot summer camp at Beit Alfa for Ethiopian immigrants; and \$2,000 to Family Promise of Greater Cleveland for “move out” kits for homeless families transitioning from a shelter to a permanent home.

Prior to the Board of Trustees meeting, panelists and their families gathered for a reception to celebrate their accomplishments. Federation president Erika B. Rudin-Luria congratulated the group on its successful collaboration and philanthropic spirit. Panelists commented on how much they learned about community needs, evaluation of grant proposals, and the struggle to prioritize needs when resources are limited.

Panelists, selected through a competitive application process, met eight times throughout the school year. They created a Request for Proposals, reviewed grant applications, learned about consensus decision

making and, in the end, had a tremendous impact on programs and organizations which improve the lives of others. Four alumni also joined the 2022-2023 panelists as Saltzman Youth Panel Peer Advisors, mentoring their peers and ensuring that panelists are part of the communal decision-making process.

Beachwood panelists include: Eddin Ashwal (Fuchs Mizrahi School), Oriya Baskin (Beatrice J Stone Yavne High School), Zev Gold (Hawken), Jacob Goldman (Beachwood High School), Jude Holz (Hawken), and Max Rindsberg (Beachwood City Schools).

Peer advisors Maya Eisengart and Hannah Plotkin attend Beachwood City Schools.

**To nominate a rising high school junior or senior for the 2023-2024 Saltzman Youth Panel, please contact Lauren Henkin at [lhenkin@jewishcleveland.org](mailto:lhenkin@jewishcleveland.org). Application deadline is Thursday, June 1, 2023.**

## Dalya Berezovsky and Meg Miller Honored

The Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio honored eleventh grader Dalya Berezovsky and Beachwood Middle School intervention specialist Meg Miller for their outstanding service in the community during an award ceremony held May 12.

Dalya was nominated for her academic achievement, leadership, and character. Meg was nominated for her exemplary teaching and creative programming to help students

with disabilities reach their full potential. Beachwood Schools warmly congratulate Dalya and Meg for using their gifts to make the world a better place!



Paul Chase, BHS principal; Jennifer Polak, director of Pupil Services; Meg Miller, BMS intervention specialist; Dalya Berezovsky, student; and Tony Srithai, BMS principal.

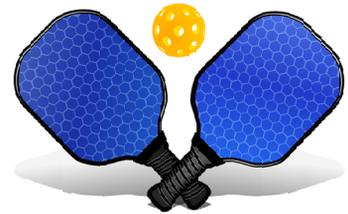
## Call For Pickleball Players

**Pick Up Play:** Available on Wednesdays and Sundays from 6-8 p.m. at the Beachwood Municipal Tennis Courts through August! No cost, just drop by and play. Open to all skill levels, beginners welcome.

Want to learn more about the game of pickleball? Visit [USApickleball.org](http://USApickleball.org).

**Pickleball Tournament:** Prizes, competition, and fun on Saturday, July 15, at the Beachwood Municipal Tennis Courts. Play begins at 9 a.m. The annual tournament is proudly presented by the Beachwood Historical Society.

Register your team for \$35 online at [www.BeachwoodRec.com](http://www.BeachwoodRec.com).



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# Programs at the Beachwood Library

The following programs are in-person unless noted. Registration is required unless noted.

## Financial & Estate Planning for LGBTQ+ Individuals & Families

Virtual Program on Zoom  
Thursday, June 8 • 7-8 p.m.

Learn about financial and estate planning strategies for LGBTQ+ individuals and families from experts in the field. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/8080352>.

## Blood Drive

Saturday, June 10 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
To register, please call 1.800.733.2767 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

## Tuesday Book Chat

Tuesday, June 13 • 7-8 p.m.  
Join a discussion of *The Light Pirate*, by Lily Brooks-Dalton. Registration is not required.

## Outdoor Tales of Northeast Ohio

Wednesday, June 14 • 7-8 p.m.

Hear exciting tales of inspiration and adventure in the great outdoors from Tri-C professor Dr. Andrew J. Pegman. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/8072925>.

## Through the Eyes of the Artist – The Art of Dr. Seuss

Friday, June 16 • 10-11 a.m.

Art historian Felicia Zavarella Stadelman will present on the artwork of Dr. Seuss. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/7577381>.

## Knit and Lit

Monday, June 19 • 6:30-8 p.m.

Join us for knitting and informal chats about what everyone is reading. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/7086112>.

## Meet Author Fiona Davis

Tuesday, June 20 • 7-8 p.m.

Join us when author Fiona Davis visits to discuss her new novel, *The Spectacular*. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/8279256>.

## Third Wednesday Book Discussion

Wednesday, June 21  
2-3 p.m.

A discussion of *How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water*, by Angie Cruz. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/8134010>.

## Third Thursday Book Discussion

Virtual on Zoom  
Thursday, June 22 • 2-3 p.m.

A discussion of *How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water*, by Angie Cruz. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/8134189>.

## Meet Author David Maraniss

Thursday, June 29 • 7-8 p.m.

Author David Maraniss visits to discuss his book, *Path Lit by Lightning: The Life of Jim Thorpe*. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/8184362>.

## Meet Author James Renner

Monday, July 3 • 7-8 p.m.

Author James Renner visits to discuss his new true crime book, *Little, Crazy Children*. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/7859314>.



## Children's Programming – To register, visit [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org) or call 216.831.6868.

### CCPL's Summer Reading Program

This year's summer reading program, *All Together Now*, runs June 3 to August 13 and is open to community members of all ages. Take the summer reading challenge to earn prizes that include a free book or scoop of Mitchell's Ice Cream. Visit [www.ccplsummerreading.org](http://www.ccplsummerreading.org) or your CCPL branch to register.

### Summer Storytimes

June 1 - July 31

Check complete event listings at <https://cuyahogalibrary.org>.

### June program highlights include:

#### Family Storytime

Families with children ages 0-8  
Mondays, 6:30-7 p.m.

#### Baby & Me Storytime

Babies, birth to 18 months, with caregivers  
Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m.

#### Toddler/Preschool Storytime

Toddlers, 19 months to 5 years, with caregivers  
Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m.

#### Zoom Virtual Storytime

Families with children to 8 years  
Thursdays, 6:45-7:15 p.m.



#### Summer Fun for Everyone

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#### Community Connections: Celebrating Pride Month

Grades 1-6  
Thursday, June 15  
4-5 p.m.

Join us for stories and songs celebrating the history of Pride Month, presented in partnership with the CWRU LGBT Center. Registration required.



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# Beachwood Well Represented at Holocaust Memorial Commemoration

Beachwood residents were among the 600 people gathered at Temple Emanu El on Monday, April 19, to remember Holocaust victims on Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom Hashoah v'Hagvurah) and to honor the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising on April 19, 1943, an insurrection opposing Nazi Germany's final effort to transport the remaining ghetto population to concentration camps.



The event, sponsored by Kol Israel Foundation and Jewish Federation of Cleveland, included a procession of significant Torahs housed at local Temples; the honoring of student Creative Arts Contest winners; and a presentation by a Dr. Irving Berkowitz, former Clevelander, son of Holocaust Survivors, and widely respected scholar and public speaker on

the Holocaust and contemporary antisemitism; and a candle lighting by Holocaust Survivors and their families.

Lily Kronenberg, age 12, and her sister, Hannah Kronenberg, age 7, of Beachwood, offered candles to each representative who ascended the pulpit to ignite the six candles representing the six million Jewish victims. The Kol Israel

Menorah was created by their grandfather, Jacob Henenberg, along with four other Kol Israel members, roughly 20 years ago.

Among the candlelighters, five reside in Beachwood: Helen Marks, Judy Hersh, Albert Hersh, Margo Baruch, and Alice Mendlovic.

*Pictured: Judy Hersh ascends the pulpit to ignite a candle.*

## Legacy Village Summer Events Lineup

### Art in the Village: June 3-4

Art in the Village will help kick off a season of warm weather fun on Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Many artists will participate in the juried show, featuring painting, jewelry, photography, sculpture, ceramics, and more. This show will also contain a separate craft marketplace as well as live music from Cats on Holiday, Justo Saborit & Havana Nights, Sunset Harmony Duo, and Back9 Par4.

### Legacy Live: Saturdays, June 10 – September 16

Legacy Village's free summer concert series, Legacy Live, returns on Saturday, June 10, and continues every Saturday through September 16. Concertgoers will enjoy a mix of live music ranging from pop and Motown, to rock and R&B. Legacy Live concerts are held from 5 to 8 p.m. at The Lawn in the midst of the Legacy Village shopping and dining community between California Pizza Kitchen and Bar Louie.

### Village Trivia: Select Thursdays beginning June 8

Test your knowledge and get ready to win some awesome prizes during Legacy Village's new event, Village Trivia. Grab friends and get comfy on The Lawn or on a restaurant patio and enjoy Legacy Village's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) – available throughout the evening. Village Trivia starts at 6:30 p.m. on the following Thursdays: June 8, 22; July 6, 20; August 3, 17, 31.

### Food Truck Mondays: Select Mondays beginning June 12

Food Truck Mondays feature a lineup of Cleveland's favorite food trucks that will help satisfy virtually any craving. Local bands will amp up the lunch hour for an atmosphere sure to chase away the Monday blues. Food and live music will be available at The Lawn and Main Street and will return every other week from June 12 through August 21.

### Little Legacy: Select Wednesdays beginning June 14

The popular Little Legacy series returns on three Wednesdays this summer: June 14, July 12, and August 9, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Join us for crafts, games, and entertainment geared toward children. This summer's programming will feature on-stage entertainment provided by animal handlers, magicians, costume characters, and more. Interactive games and activities will also be provided by a variety of local organizations with all activities geared to little ones.

### North Union Farmers Market: Sundays, June 11 – September 24

North Union Farmers Market spotlights the fresh tastes of summer every Sunday from June 11 to September 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Located on Cedar Road in The Capital Grille parking lot, the market features fresh, locally grown produce; dairy and meat products; cheeses, breads, and pastries; jellies, flowers, and more.

### Barre3 in the Village: Select Sundays beginning June 11

Join Legacy Village and Barre3 for a full body balanced workout on the Legacy Village Lawn. These free 45-minute community workouts begin at 11 a.m. on the following select Sundays: June 11, July 9, August 13, and September 10.

### Meet the Machines: Sunday, August 6

Legacy Village partners with The City of Lyndhurst to present Meet the Machines on Sunday, August 6, from noon to 4 p.m. Children can explore construction, emergency, and service vehicles of all makes and sizes in a fun, family-friendly environment with games, safety demos, music, and vendors. Meet the Machines is free and open to the public.

### Legacy Village's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA)

DORA allows guests to enjoy adult beverages in designated areas. For details, visit [legacy-village.com/dora/](http://legacy-village.com/dora/).

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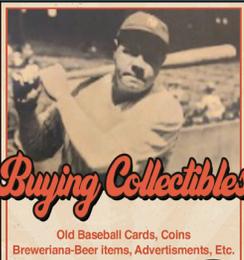
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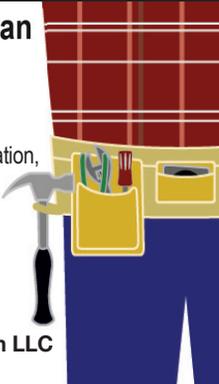
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## May StoryWalk®

In recognition of Pride Month, the June StoryWalk®, located in Beachwood City Park East, is *Julián is a Mermaid*, written and illustrated by Jessica Love.

Glimpsing a trio of women dressed up in fabulous mermaid costumes while riding the subway home with his abuela, little Julián resolves to make a fancy mermaid costume and headdress for himself and wonders what his abuela will think of the mess he makes, and more importantly, how his costume will reflect how he sees himself.

The StoryWalk® Project was originally created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg- Hubbard Library to help build childrens' interest in reading, while encouraging healthy activity for children and adults. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Anne.



## Call For Pickleball Players

**Pick Up Play:** Available on Wednesdays and Sundays from 6-8 p.m. at the Beachwood Municipal Tennis Courts through August! No cost, just drop by and play. Open to all skill levels, beginners welcome. Want to learn more about the game of pickleball? Visit [USApickleball.org](http://USApickleball.org).

**Pickleball Tournament:** Prizes, competition, and fun on Saturday, July 15, at the Beachwood Municipal Tennis Courts. Play begins at 9 a.m. The annual tournament is proudly presented by the Beachwood Historical Society. Register your team for \$35 online at [www.BeachwoodRec.com](http://www.BeachwoodRec.com).



## Block Parties Made Easy!

Build community pride, meet your neighbors, and enjoy some family fun with a Beachwood Block Party – complete with complimentary supplies.

Supplies include two 10-by-10-foot tents, five 6-foot tables, 40 chairs, three 5-gallon coolers, two street barricades, two lawn

games, cornhole boards with a set of bags, and a selfie frame.

Block party reservations can be made by filling out a form at [www.BeachwoodRec.com](http://www.BeachwoodRec.com) or by visiting Beachwood City Hall. Questions? Contact Beachwood Community Services at 216.292.1970.

# Transforming Health Care in Your Community

**In late June of 2023, these new comprehensive care programs will open to meet the needs of area residents. The new and expanded services at University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center include:**

- UH Cutler Center for Men
- UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Maternity Services including the Steve and Loree Potash Women & Newborn Center
- UH Surgery Center
- UH Breast Center
- Emergency Room
- Imaging & Radiology

## Join Us for a Community Open House

University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center invites you to join us for a community open house to showcase the new facilities and services opening in late June 2023.

**Date:**

Saturday, June 10, 2023  
2 – 4 p.m.

**Location:**

UH Ahuja Medical Center  
3999 Richmond Road, Beachwood, Ohio 44122

**Activities Include:**

- Self-Guided Tours
- Health and Wellness Education
- Refreshments and Giveaways
- Free Health Screenings
- Information on career opportunities

**Walk-Up Screenings**

- Blood pressure
- Non-fasting blood glucose and total cholesterol
- Balance and grip
- Stroke risk assessments

**Pre-Registration Required Screenings**

- Hernia
- Prostate-specific antigen (PSA)
- Skin checks

**Learn More or Sign Up for a Screening.**



Learn more about this event:  
[UHhospitals.org/Ahuja-Open-House](https://UHhospitals.org/Ahuja-Open-House)

Register for screenings: 216-699-6498

