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Letter from THE EDITOR

By Debby Zelman Rapoport



How do you start your day? What brings you a sense of calm? What pulls you into a zone of flow?

Although life's distractions have recently kept me out of a flow mode, interests still evolve around art. Whether listening to a podcast, watching online videos, attending an in-person class or workshop, or reading a book (thank you Karen, Susie, Jan, and Lynn for *Vermeer, The Complete Works*, my current read), everything about painting pulls me into the zone.

I recently listened to an interview with Tony Allain and Marla Baggetta, two of my favorite impressionistic pastel artists, who discussed their painting processes and how some paintings paint themselves while others result from more of a struggle. The ones that paint themselves do so when the

Warm weather and sunshine lift my mood. I especially love the early morning hour, just before sunrise. It's a blank canvas on a new day, filled with possibilities. I generally make a cup of coffee, fill the bird feeders, see what's blooming in the yard, sit in my sunroom, and watch the shadows evolve around me as the sun rises.

artists are fully immersed in the zone, performing at their best.

They went on to explain that duds are also an important part of the process because they allow us to learn from failures, make improvements, and avoid repeating the same mistakes. By understanding what went wrong, we can strive for progress to achieve better results.

Marla reminds us that perfection leads to procrastination which leads to paralysis. I love this! It's so true. Although perfection has its pros, it also holds us back because it keeps us in our comfort zone and doesn't allow for experimentation because we're going for the result. A perfection mindset may also impact overall health and happiness because it can stagnate growth and lead to self-criticism.

To get in the zone for whatever it is you wish to achieve, it is best to eliminate distractions (*yes, turn off your phone*), create a conducive environment, set clear goals, establish a routine, and utilize time management skills to avoid burnout.

We work at our best level when we focus on the process instead of the result since the two offer contrasting approaches. Sure, I want every painting to be a masterpiece, but it isn't!

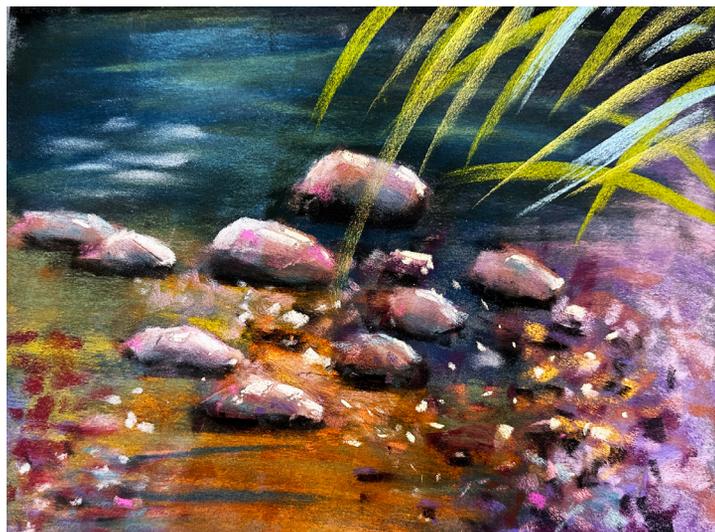
Emphasizing the process involves focusing on the journey, growth, and continuous improvement rather than solely fixating on the final outcome. Individuals who value the process understand that learning, trial and error, and incremental progress are essential for personal development. They prioritize enjoying the experience, gaining knowledge

and skills, and embracing the learning opportunities that come along the way. Process-oriented individuals tend to be more flexible, adaptable, and open to experimentation.

Finding balance between the process and result is often ideal. We can achieve that by setting high standards while being realistic; learning from mistakes and celebrating small victories along the way; embracing a growth mindset; and being present in the moment.

When focusing on the process, we further benefit by practicing self-compassion and recognizing that self-worth is not solely determined by achievements. While certain situations require more emphasis on perfection, others have flexibility for embracing creativity, which will lead to more sustainable, fulfilling outcomes.

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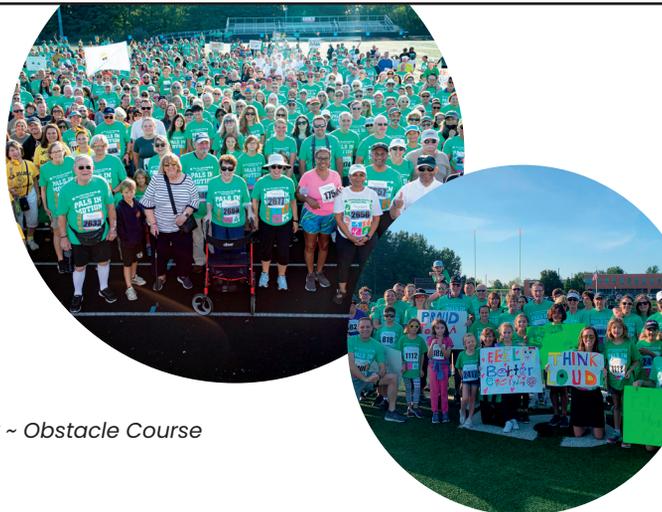
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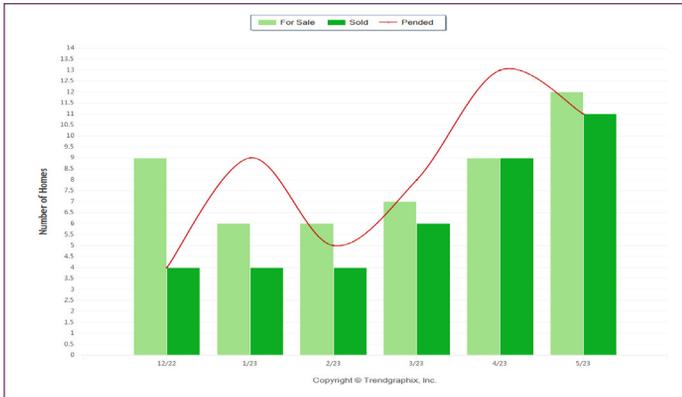


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Real Estate Statistical Update by Sharon Friedman



We continue to remain in a Seller's market as the trend has continued for the past two years. The number of for sale listings was up by a whopping 33.3% from the previous month for May 2023 and the number of Sold listings increased by a substantial 22.2% month over month. In addition the month of May's sold price vs. original list price average of 102% was up 9.7% from last month. Based on the 6 month trend, the average for sale price in May was \$557,000, up 15.3% from \$483,000 last month. Overall the market is showing the traditional increase in sales during the warmer months, although inventory is still suppressed making a good time to sell. Northeastern Ohio continues to be a desirable location attracting new residents from out of state, while Beachwood remains very competitive due to the quality and age of the housing stock and the excellence of schools and community amenities.

— Sharon Friedman

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Street	Days	List	Sold	LP/SP%	Bed	Bath	Built
Larchmont	12	\$ 275,000	\$ 215,000	78%	3	2	1930
S Green	7	\$ 245,000	\$ 237,500	97%	4	3	1956
Cedar	79	\$ 279,900	\$ 279,900	100%	3	2	1956
Woodway	2	\$ 339,900	\$ 305,000	90%	4	3	1954
Bryden	12	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	100%	2	2	1952
E Silsby	22	\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000	100%	4	2	1952
Letchworth	26	\$ 399,900	\$ 391,390	98%	3	2	1957
Woodway	3	\$ 409,900	\$ 405,000	99%	4	3	1954
E Silsby	6	\$ 380,000	\$ 407,000	107%	4	2	1952
Cedarview	33	\$ 399,000	\$ 410,000	103%	4	2	1954
Hilltop	6	\$ 399,900	\$ 410,000	103%	3	2	1956
Glenhill	3	\$ 409,900	\$ 410,000	100%	3	3	1954
Hilltop	9	\$ 425,000	\$ 420,000	99%	3	3	1956
Buckhurst	60	\$ 499,900	\$ 420,000	84%	3	2	1956
Deptford	18	\$ 439,000	\$ 422,000	96%	3	2	1956
Campus	3	\$ 419,000	\$ 432,500	103%	3	3	1954
Kenwood	4	\$ 425,000	\$ 435,000	102%	2	3	1984
Halburton	3	\$ 409,900	\$ 443,000	108%	4	4	1971
Bridgeton	33	\$ 519,000	\$ 450,000	87%	4	3	1970
Wimbledon	6	\$ 482,000	\$ 485,000	101%	4	3	1963
Bridgeton	76	\$ 475,000	\$ 485,000	102%	4	3	1967
Halcyon	43	\$ 515,000	\$ 490,000	95%	4	3	1964
Halburton	1	\$ 409,900	\$ 510,000	124%	3	3	1953
Brian	1	\$ 549,900	\$ 550,000	100%	4	3	1969
Sulgrave	4	\$ 574,900	\$ 585,000	102%	5	3	1958
Havel	14	\$ 665,000	\$ 665,000	100%	4	3	1969
Beechmont	3	\$ 599,000	\$ 670,500	112%	4	3	1966
Maidstone	288	\$1,345,000	\$1,200,000	89%	6	6	2023

Beachwood Market Update

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By June Scharf

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In classic Ben Lawrence fashion, he researched the success rate of the trip coordinators and doubled down on studying how to accomplish this Herculean task, casting a wide net to collect all relevant information. He considered every detail, gathered all necessary supplies, and trained heavily in the months leading up to the summer trip. To no one's surprise, he nailed it.

The considerable climb can essentially serve as a metaphor for Ben's standard life operating system. He's a seeker of greater heights. And often, he immerses himself in a team approach. Along the way, he also likes to crack a lot of jokes, and his frequent grin and casual manner are often on display.

Most recently, Ben served as captain of the BHS Robotics Team and helped lead its members to many victories and awards. He employed a highly tactical strategy this year after pondering the competition assignment: Create a robot that's designed to pick up cones and cubes, then place them on a grid of varying levels. To intensify the challenge, some of those cones are upright while others lie on their side. One team's solution was to create a robot with triple jointed arms. Neat. But Ben and the team thought otherwise.

In team brainstorming sessions, the group determined that a single actuation (one moving part) would be the most efficient and reliable. Ben explained, "We spent a lot of time designing with that as our driving principle, and when we found a way to make it work, we went for it." The design allowed for more simplicity in construction, therefore providing more practice time before competitions started.

"All the other teams and coaches were stunned by our effectiveness and simplicity," he noted.



But there was another underlying guiding principle and motive. Ben thought the robot should not be over-engineered because the majority of the 25-person team was composed of freshmen (19 members) and he wanted them “to be able to contribute and have a meaningful experience.” If the robot became too complex, they’d likely become spectators rather than partners in the project. Keeping everyone involved at a high level would build a cohesive team culture, something that was a high priority for Ben. “A year ago, our team had only 6 members. Growing so quickly to 25 was a great opportunity to build something special.”

Robotics Team Coach John Keyerleber believes that many of Ben’s decisions were game changers. “I am certain that the team’s unprecedented success this past season can be attributed in large part to Ben’s leadership as team captain. With Ben graduating, we have big shoes to fill, but the team is eager to follow in his example and build on our success.”

So, has Ben ever failed at anything?

“Titrations in chemistry really messed me up.”

But still, he prevailed because it drove him to work harder. “I’m not a person who accepts failure.” If the challenge is high, he positions it as a solid learning opportunity and leans in, not away.

Back to Kilimanjaro. “If something is said enough times, I’m just going to need to do it.” Climbing the mountain was one of those things. His dad, Dr. Ken Lawrence, talked about it frequently, but “he never pulled the trigger,” although he did plant the seed in Ben’s brain.

The extreme level of challenge was naturally an appealing element.

“This climb was part of Ben’s magic,” Ken said. “When he’s determined to do something, he sees the endpoint and figures out how to get there.”

Ben knew that being in good shape was mandatory, so in the months leading up to the trip, he lifted weights and biked 20-25 miles daily, heading out on Gates Mills Boulevard. Beyond this, his research told him that there were a few other key factors.

“When you’re there, it’s all about staying hydrated. It’s also about proper acclimatization.” Regarding the former, he drank copious amounts of water. Concerning the latter, guides built in extra time to help deal with the altitude, which is among the most imposing obstacles. They directed hikers to climb up a certain distance, then back down, then up again, then they recovered on a flat section. They also had days when they reached the camp spot, but later the same day, they climbed a few thousand feet more and returned to camp, just to get the feeling in their lungs, Ben explained.

In general, where there is no challenge in life, Ben is inclined to create one. The best varieties combine both physical and mental elements. This certainly is reflected in his interest in the Kilimanjaro climb. But another gauntlet he has thrown down for himself is performing standup comedy, something he qualifies as “a passion thing.”

“I’m a huge comedy fan and I absorb so much of it by watching many recorded performances.” A few of his favorite comedians include George Carlin, Kevin James, Bert Kreischer, and Eddie Murphy. He also favors the TV show *Seinfeld*, along with Jerry’s standup.



Ben performs standup comedy at the 2022 Beachwood Fall Festival. Photo by Matt Keyerleber.

To perform his own material, Ben finds open-mic opportunities around town, and Lakewood Village Tavern has been among the several beckoning stages. His set has been honed over the past year and a half and can last up to 15 minutes. He draws material from his life, and he frames it as mostly observational. This relentless pursuit of comedy also was tapped as he joked his way through his five-minute commencement speech in May (see speech on page 10).

“Writing comedy is always background noise in my head – 1,000%.”

He also found a fellow comedy fan in Evan Luzar, his AP English teacher at BHS, and together, they’ve worked on Ben’s comedy routines. Evan was particularly struck by Ben’s encyclopedic knowledge of *Seinfeld*’s material.

“Ben loves and actively uses *Seinfeld* references in conversation – when those funny life moments hit, he is ready with a spot-on *Seinfeld* allusion. Of course, this is lost on most of his peers, but at least he is introducing them to comedic gold!”

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Evan also noted that Ben's humor always comes with a wry and knowing smile. And if that comedy career takes off, their futures may intertwine. "Ben has promised me a position as a staff writer when he has his own talk show. I guess this will be how I spend my retirement!"

While Ben hasn't had much time lately to perform publicly, he says he's "always ready." He has documented his performances so far on his YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/@benlawrencestand-up8862).

Take this example from part of his set performed at BHS' 2022 Fall Festival:

I have a girlfriend, but people don't really expect that from me, 'cause I'm kinda a nerd, but if you let me tell you how we met, you'll start to believe me more. Two friends introduced us 'cause we're both on our school's robotics team. Take the two people who are least likely to ever be in a relationship, put them together and you've got us.

I was flying blind with this, like, I needed one of those "...For Dummies" books, but my ego is a little too big for that since I'm a nerd, so it needs to be rebranded as "Tips and Tricks," like how to ask someone out, how to go on a date, and how to leave the house. It's a tough adjustment to go from being a full-time nerd to a full-time nerd AND part-time boyfriend, but I think I'm doing all right.

While the comedy routine outlasted the relationship, it didn't take Ben long to realize that there is plenty of relatable material in breakups, and that a comedic viewpoint can help with processing some of life's challenges. He quips, "Now when something negative happens in my daily life, my first instinct is, at least this is going to make a good joke."

Fear is never a deterrent for Ben. Obviously, it did not hold him back from embarking

on the Kilimanjaro climb. In fact, even when many of the 13 other teenage participants (in grades 9-12 from all over the U.S.) started to struggle, he kept his cool. He recalls their awful sunburns and a few nights during the seven-day ascent when almost everyone was throwing up from altitude sickness, but he was fine.

If that wasn't bad enough, the higher they climbed, the colder it got up there. Cold, as in -30 degrees Fahrenheit, without wind chill! A more appealing recollection is the final stretch to the summit.

"It's exhilarating. When you're a quarter of a mile away, you get a bump of adrenaline. When you reach it, you look out and it's crazy!"

Trouble finally paid Ben a visit, however, during the day-and-a-half descent, when he succumbed to some gnarliness. First, he had trouble breathing, then he felt horrible. When he returned to the hotel, he took a COVID test and it was positive. This meant he needed to quarantine for several days while the rest of the group took off to explore Tarangire National Park. Since this trip is designed for those who are tough, the staff merely secured him a hotel room, put him in touch with a local contact, told him he'd be fine, and handed him 210,000 Tanzanian dollars (equal to roughly \$80 USD) to cover food in the coming week.

"It was alarming, but also funny," he says in his typical manner, not taking anything too seriously. His remaining Tanzanian dollars now serve as a memento from the grueling adventure. He never doubted, though, that he would be able to complete the entire climb.

"I have very high expectations for myself, and early on, I was like, I know I can do this, and I'm just going to finish. I was

happy that everyone was able to finish together, so it really was a team effort. We now have these shared memories."

He is quick to point out that a large part of his victory rested with his preparation. "I did a lot of research, and I made sure I had all the gear I needed and was fully prepared. Not reaching the summit was not an option for me."

Ben has proven himself to be a natural leader, and his interest in others' success abundantly demonstrates this trait. He carefully applied those leadership skills this past academic year when he served as one of the CEOs of the BHS marketing class. He was elected by his peers, a group comprising students he didn't know well, but they trusted him and he delivered.

"I followed the first-one-there, last-one-to-leave mindset. I'd also go into school

early to talk to our teacher, Mr. Perry. He told us what we needed to get done, then it was up to us to take the reins."

This experience gave Ben a chance to work with a wide range of people (not all nerds!) with contrasting skills, knowledge, and work ethics, he explained. Someday, he says he might even like to run a real company.

There's one thing Ben will admit he is not: he isn't competitive with others. He is, however, competitive with himself. "There are always areas to improve yourself, and being able to recognize those things is the key to being successful. So is knowing when you need help and asking for it. There's always someone better who knows more, and until you are 'the expert,' you can never settle."



Ben (front) and two friends ascending Mount Kilimanjaro.



Ben and BHS Robotics teammates at the Miami Valley Regional competition in Cincinnati, March 16-18, 2023. The team won this and two other regional competitions, advancing to the FIRST Robotics World Championships in Houston, Texas, in April. For the season, the team earned an individual overall ranking of 66 out of 3,294 teams, which put them in the top 2% of all teams worldwide. *Photo by Matt Keyerleber.*

He cites an example of this non-competitive thought process as it applies to his biking habit.

“There will be a 50-something man riding by, leaving me and my friends in his dust, and I think, how can he be faster than us? I’m 18 and I’m in peak shape, so I’ll push myself and bike faster to catch up to him. I’m not really being competitive with him, I’m just expecting more of myself. It feels like a fun, lighthearted approach.”

Likewise, back on the mountain, his non-competitive and collaborative qualities served him well. He knew to trust the guides, but he also relied on the experience of a fellow climber who grew up in Aspen, Colorado. This student had a great depth of knowledge covering altitude, along with mountains in

general and hiking in particular. “I extracted every piece of information I could from him,” Ben recalls.

With Kilimanjaro and Beachwood High School in the rearview mirror, Ben’s sights are set on Charlottesville where the University of Virginia is located. He picked it (and it picked him early decision) because its engineering program is very attractive, but it also has a big-school feel while actually being relatively small, he explains.

“I want to be able to attend football and basketball games, and have a small college town to enjoy with friends.” The area also features venues within walkable distances offering open mic opportunities, so he fully intends to continue performing and

perfecting his standup sets. As a bonus, campus is minutes from great hiking and biking in the Shenandoah Mountains.

While Ben remains uncertain about his eventual career path, he knows that he will not enter the family business, orthodontia. The profession is well practiced by his father, uncle, and cousin, and his great grandfather was a dentist. “It’s always a topic of conversation at family dinners. I find it interesting, but it’s not my passion like engineering and other STEM-related professions.”

Ben is very thankful that his parents are good at letting him do his own thing. He especially recognizes that his mom, Donna, trusts him to handle everything well and to be responsible with his

time. “She is very supportive and doesn’t push me in any particular direction. As long as I’m working toward something positive, she doesn’t interfere.”

So what does he imagine his future will look like?

“I want to see where college takes me. It doesn’t feel right to me to have it all planned out. I’m going to start by getting a random roommate, making some new friends, taking some classes, and seeing how that goes.”

OK, but what about his final summer, before that future unfolds? It’s filled with ultra-fun destinations.

First, he’ll explore France and England with a few friends for two weeks. Next, there’s a rafting trip in Idaho with his dad. It will be one week off the grid on the River



Ben's Speech at BHS Graduation

In Pursuit of Imperfection

After four years of high school and countless hours of class time, I have one remaining question: What the hell happened? Pandemic and the assortment of other global crises aside, where did all the time go? In a typical graduation speech, now is where I would say: It seems like just yesterday we were freshmen ready to embark on this new journey together. But this isn't that kind of graduation speech.

From here on out, this is about how far we have not come and how far we will not go.

It's crazy to think that I've known some of y'all since we were four years old. Four years old! And in my opinion, that is way too long to have a friendship based solely on where our parents decided to live about 20 years ago. I mean, some of our friendships have spanned 4 presidential administrations, 7 Olympic Games, 54 Bar Mitzvahs, and enough failed relationships to rival a Taylor Swift album.

Even though our time at Beachwood High School has come to a close, there is one thing that we need to be thankful for: We have mostly avoided serious injuries in the parking lot for the last two years! How about a round of applause for that!

As we move on to the next chapter of our lives, there will be no more credit for late assignments, quiz makeups, or test retakes. We must remember that we cannot reassess life, unlike our physics tests.

And sometime in our near future when we have missed another deadline and it seems like we're going to need that late credit or test retake, we need to realize that it's never going to come. There is still hope though: We can lower our expectations and lower the expectations others have of us.

I remember back to freshman year, when we were granted an "Extended Spring Break" from the Governor and we were all so excited to get some extra time away from school. But wow were we wrong. Who would have thought that we would actually want to come back to school? I know a lot of us originally thought virtual school was going to be a cheater's paradise. It turns out virtual school was actually a lot harder than we thought. Even with all of the rumored cheating, virtual school led us to a very important realization: Cheating can get you ahead in life – look at our grade point averages! Fun fact, the Class of 2023 has the highest average GPA in Beachwood history!

I was so excited to come back to school our sophomore year and hang out with half of my friends for half a day. I never really liked those M-Z kids anyway. I guess I felt a little bit better when my teachers showed me a screen with 12 dark boxes with icons in the middle, assuring me that those troublemaker M-Z kids were alright. And probably playing Xbox. Or watching YouTube. Or making breakfast. Or taking a nap. Or doing anything but paying attention. Did I mention that our class has the highest grade point average of any Beachwood class ever?

When the second half of the alphabet was added back into the mix our junior year, we all rediscovered some friends we had forgotten about. It's strange to think that we had "what the hell happened to you" conversations with fellow 16 year olds. Those conversations are usually reserved for high school reunions, even though we probably won't need reunions, given 75% of us will still be living within 5 miles of Beachwood or with kids attending Beachwood schools.

And then this year came the time when our decisions started to matter and our actions had real life implications. We finally had the chance to decide where we want to live and an idea about what our future looks like, all the while most of us still can't decide if we want to watch Netflix during class or play an online game. We are so indecisive, in fact, that our class sent out a record high number of college applications this year. After all, we did have the highest GPA ever – great job everyone! But as we leave Beachwood, remember, no matter how far – or how close – we end up, our parents can no longer call to fix our problems.

And maybe when it's all said and done, we'll realize that our high school experience did get us ready for the real world – I think I forgot to mention that the Class of 2023 had the highest average GPA ever? And you can't have a high GPA without an occasional work ethic, a good excuse when you need it, and a timely global pandemic.

The BHS graduation ceremony is on Beachwood Schools' YouTube page. Ben's speech is at 1:00:20.



"Some of our friendships have spanned 4 presidential administrations, 7 Olympic Games, 54 Bar Mitzvahs, and enough failed relationships to rival a Taylor Swift album."

of No Return, where the menace of Class 4 or 5 rapids awaits. In August, he'll be attending the Lollapalooza concert in Chicago with his brother, Jake, BHS class of 2021. Finally, his college orientation will include a multi-day hiking and camping trip in Shenandoah National Park.

If Ben were to reveal one strategy that helps him tip the balance toward success, he says it's to not stretch himself too thin.

"I'll do three things and I'll be really good at them, rather than trying to do a million things and being mediocre at all of them. This method lowers the margin for failure. I work hard at a manageable amount of things."

Nevermind that those things are shadowed by steep challenge. But the rewards have proven to be worth the risks.



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Beachwood School Board Vice President **Jillian DeLong** is looking forward to bringing her proven leadership, commitment and experience to City Council. In her professional career, DeLong oversees funds at Cuyahoga Community College which aligns extremely well with City Council's role as a fiscal steward. The work she has done on the School Board and in her professional career truly represents what is possible when collaboration, transparency, and success drives decisions.

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Danielle Shoykhet, an esteemed American Express executive, joined Council in 2022. With expertise in small business advocacy and a deep understanding of our city's challenges, she drives Beachwood's Economic Development goals. Danielle prioritizes Public Safety and Citizen Engagement to ensure our community remains a top choice for residents, businesses, and employees. As a third-generation Beachwood resident, she is married to her husband Jeff, with two children, Wesley (6) and Chandler (2).



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June Taylor, a dedicated member of Council since 2017 and resident of 28 years, has an impeccable track record of success in private, public, and nonprofit sectors. She served as Chairperson of the Ohio Casino Control Commission for 12 years and was recognized as one of *Crain's Cleveland Business Women of Note* in 2023. During her first term, June prioritized safety through camera and LPR installations, and founded our Community Garden. She recently secured a \$2.5M federal grant from Sen. Sherrod Brown for ADA home modifications. June is a stalwart supporter of our citizen's concerns.



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Beachwood Buzz Listed with American Iris Society

by Debby Zelman Rapoport

I read an article in May on cleveland.com titled *600 Varieties of Iris Flowers On Display: Visit a Northeast Ohio Garden Museum*, written by Susan Brownstein. With spring in bloom and the sun shining, I went to Rockefeller Park Greenhouse to view the garden and learn more, since Susan mentioned that Dorothy and Tony Willott, Beachwood residents, created the garden.

I also learned from the article that the Willotts loved to hybridize irises to develop new colors, sizes, and features, and that they hybridized 353 kinds of irises between 1968 and 2008, many of which are on display in the Willott Iris Garden, which was dedicated to the couple on May 26, 2012, as a tribute to their hybridizing accomplishments.

When I arrived, I spoke with Sandra Pindell who was working at the spring plant sale. We conversed for a few minutes and she told me that she and her husband, Bob, lead volunteer efforts to maintain the garden. She then directed me toward a shaded path that led to the Willott Iris Garden, where I would talk with Bob.

I introduced myself to Bob, asked about the Willotts, and told him I'd like to write a story. He told me that the Willotts had both passed, and then asked, "What publication would you like to write the story for?"

I told him *Beachwood Buzz* and he smiled, saying, "There's an iris in the garden named Beachwood Buzz."

He then looked it up and showed me this description that is listed with the American Iris Society: 'Beachwood Buzz' (Anthony and Dorothy Willott, R. 1998). Seedling #W91-117. MDB, 6" (15 cm). Midseason bloom. Ruffled butterscotch gold, falls with small red brown spot; style arms butterscotch; beards light blue at end, yellow in throat. 'Poet Laureate' X 'Buzz Bee'. A. & D. Willott 1998."

To say the least, I was very surprised and honored to learn this!

We then walked down the path to where Beachwood Buzz was planted. It had already bloomed in April, but Pepper Pike, located adjacent to Beachwood Buzz, stood tall. Then, last month, Bob sent me a photo of Beachwood Buzz in bloom.

"We've known the Willotts since the mid-1990s," Bob told us. "We met when Dorothy answered a question I had posted on an iris forum. My plants weren't blooming and she told me they were overcrowded."

Their friendship grew, as did the Pindells' garden. "The Willotts sold us some irises and gave us some," Bob recalled. "We wound up with a whole yard full of irises!"



Dorothy Willott at the Willott Iris Garden. Photo by Sandra Pindell.

I told him *Beachwood Buzz* and he smiled, saying, "There's an iris in the garden named Beachwood Buzz."

"When Tony passed away in 2008, there were various groups that wanted to do a tribute because he and Dorothy were both master gardeners," Bob added. "Back then, there were thousands of irises growing in the park, close to where the garden is now. Sandra and I had just retired so people involved felt we could take on running this thing."

The Willott Iris Garden was started in 2008 and dedicated in 2012. Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County spent countless volunteer hours doing whatever labor was necessary to make the garden happen. Other groups involved were the Friends of Greenhouse, North East Ohio Iris Society, Gardeners of Greater Cleveland, and the Cleveland Botanical Garden.

Perrin Verzi, manager of the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse, originally designed the garden with Michael Loos, formerly The Ohio State University Cuyahoga County Extension agent.

I encourage you to stroll through the garden several times next spring, view all the varieties, be sure to view Beachwood Buzz, and see other names you recognize. Watch for more information next March. I'll remind you of the garden before it's in full bloom beginning in April!



Top two images:
Beachwood Buzz

Bottom two images:
Pepper Pike

Photos by Bob Pindell.



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BAKED by Abbie Classic Raspberry Custard Tart

Recipe adapted from Chopnotch.com

Succulent, red raspberries embody summer. Fresh fruit tarts are a wonderful way to enjoy perfectly ripe berries. The origins of tarts are somewhat unclear. According to the September 2013 *DC Theater Arts* article, "Nibbles and Sips Around Town: The Art of the Fruit Tart," by Cary Pollak, it is believed that the first fruit tarts were created in the late 1880s by the Tatin sisters for their French village hotel restaurant. Tarts or tartlets (mini tarts) made with different berries, or summer fruit, are always an impressive end to any summer

meal. I hope you make one!



Ingredients

Crust

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- ¾ cup butter, melted
- 2 egg yolks
- ¼ t salt
- ½ cup confectioner's sugar
- ½ cup cold water, plus 1 T if needed

perforating dough. Place a sheet of parchment paper on top and put ceramic pie weights (or dry beans) on top to "blind bake" crust for 15-20 minutes, or until lightly golden. Remove weights/beans. Cool.

Custard Filling

- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 4 cups whole milk
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 t vanilla
- 4 egg yolks
- 1 t – 1 T dark rum (optional)
- 1-2 pints fresh raspberries

To make custard

- In a medium bowl, whisk sugar and egg yolks. Add flour and mix well. Whisk in ½ cup milk to thin batter.
- Put remaining milk in a large saucepan and heat on stove over medium heat for 3-4 minutes. When warm, whisk in egg batter, vanilla, and rum, if using. Whisk until boiling. Custard will become creamy and thick. Do not rush this step, as a thin custard will result in a soggy crust.
- With a heatproof spatula, spread custard over prepared crust. Place berries on top. Cool in fridge. Serve with powdered sugar if desired.

Directions

To make crust

- In a large bowl, mix sugar and flour. Add melted butter. Mix with a (wooden) spoon until crumbly.
- Add egg yolks, water, and salt. Using hands, mix well and form a ball.
- Use plastic wrap to wrap dough. Place in fridge for 30-60 minutes.
- Preheat oven to 355°F. Wash and dry berries.
- Using your hands and fists, spread chilled dough into a 10" tart pan with a removeable bottom. Go up the sides, all the way to the top edges. Crust will be thick as typical of tarts. Bake for 15 minutes.
- Gently poke bottom of warm crust with a fork randomly

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CJN Debuts Podcast: *Aliza: Her Story at 10 Years*

The *Cleveland Jewish News* recently debuted a multi-episode podcast series on the story of Aliza Sherman, a 53-year-old in-vitro fertilization nurse and Beachwood mother, who was murdered in downtown Cleveland 10 years ago.

The series, started in May, is on major podcast platforms such as Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Stitcher, Google Podcasts, and RadioPublic. It is also being streamed at cjn.org/podcast.

The podcast was created in partnership with Jennifer Sherman, Aliza's daughter and a lead advocate working to create change surrounding her mother's case. She is serving as an executive producer with the *CJN* on the series.

"The power of storytelling is that it has the unique ability to connect us to our shared humanity and to illuminate upon perspectives and experiences that we may not have encountered before," said Kevin S. Adelstein, publisher and CEO of the *Cleveland Jewish News* and president of the Cleveland Jewish Publication Company. "This podcast is a testament to the power of storytelling as it offers a unique and personal glimpse into Aliza's life. This series informs and educates our listeners, and reinforces our mission of performing a public service through commentary, interpretation, and background on events taking place within our community."

Aliza was stabbed 11 times in broad daylight on March 24, 2013, on her way to meet with her divorce lawyer in downtown Cleveland. She died later that day – just two days before her divorce trial two years in the making was set to start.

The *Justice for Aliza* campaign quickly mobilized to plan its first Mother's Day tribute and rally for Aliza just two months after she was killed. However, 10 years later, her murder remains unsolved.

Local and national news outlets

have covered her story over the years as Aliza's family and friends continue to fight for justice.

This podcast goes more in depth, further introducing listeners to who Aliza was and the way she uniquely, positively impacted those close to her. It relays how she continues to inspire her loved ones to work to change the flawed societal systems that endangered her and continue to harm countless others today. The podcast also dives into where the murder investigation stands now.

"By sharing Aliza's story I hope to facilitate our continued pursuit of spreading awareness, inspiring change, and advocating for the justice she so deserves."

– Jennifer Sherman

"I have always emphasized my firm belief that my mother was far too miraculous of a human to allow her legacy to be defined by the brutal manner in which she died," Jennifer said. "The podcast platform allows for a more in-depth look into who Aliza was throughout different chapters of her life, told by a variety of narrators. It's well known that podcasts have gained traction in becoming the latest storytelling trend. By sharing Aliza's story I hope to facilitate our continued pursuit of spreading awareness, inspiring change, and advocating for the justice she so deserves."

Award-winning journalists Michael C. Butz and Sara Shookman have been hired by the *CJN* to host and report the

series. Michael is the director of college communications and external relations at the Cleveland Institute of Art. Prior to that, he spent eight years as a reporter and editor for the *CJN*. Sara is a longtime Cleveland television journalist who recently launched her production agency, Storyglow Studio, creating written, video, and audio content. Both journalists covered the Aliza Sherman story and have built relationships with those close to her over the past decade.

Episodes are released on a biweekly basis on Tuesdays. To listen to the podcast, visit www.cjn.org/podcast or search for *Aliza: Her Story at 10 Years* on any of the aforementioned podcast platforms.



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Independence

By Jen Stern

T rue independence comes from practicing productive self-talk, focusing on where your energy goes, and implementing healthy boundaries. Words have power. They impact thoughts, feelings, and beliefs. Your self-talk directly impacts your confidence and overall sense of well being. It affects how you feel mentally and physically as well as your ability to adjust and cope with life.

Anxiety, low self-esteem, feelings of incompetence, and self-doubt grow from negative self-talk and limiting beliefs.

Self-talk is mostly automatic. Learning to become more aware of and intentional with the messages you tell yourself provides an opportunity to counter negative thinking with productive thinking. It allows you to reframe and invalidate faulty, self-limiting, or distorted beliefs.

Edmund J. Bourne, Ph.D., states that what we say to ourselves in response to any particular situation determines our mood, our feelings, and our thoughts. This awareness, which determines how we

feel, is quite empowering. If we are responsible for how we think and feel about ourselves through our self-talk then we can change the script at any time to improve our mood, build confidence, and strengthen our overall well being.

Bourne defines four types of negative self-talk:

- **The Worrier** promotes anxiety through catastrophic thinking, prediction of failure, or fear of embarrassment.
- **The Critic** promotes low self-esteem through self judgment by filtering in and focusing on perceived flaws and weaknesses, as well as through comparison to others.

- **The Victim** promotes depression by perpetuating feelings of helplessness, hopelessness, or unworthiness of not being valued.
- **The Perfectionist** promotes chronic stress and burnout. They never see their accomplishments as enough. They strive for perfection (which does not exist), which creates anxiety, agitation, and a deep sense of failure. There is a tendency toward black or white thinking, cognitive rigidity, intolerance of mistakes, or of being human/flawed. Productive self-talk is rational, wise minded, and flexible. It allows for the acceptance of duality:

- I can feel anxious and still do well.
 - I can feel insecure and still be successful.
 - I can feel uncertain and try anyway.
 - I can feel overwhelmed and still be productive.
- Productive self-talk promotes resilience and strengthens your ability to manage expectations through the understanding that no one and nothing is perfect. You become your healthiest, most independent self when you intentionally and consistently focus your energy on what you can control, and when you practice healthy boundaries and create greater awareness of your self-talk.

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The Latest Reporting on the August Special Election and State Issue 1

By State Senator Kent Smith

In August, Ohio is going to have a statewide election to protect the bedrock democratic principle of One Person, One Vote. A YES vote on State Issue 1 would enshrine a new 60% victory threshold for all future, citizen-led constitutional amendments. A NO vote would protect majority rule, keeping the current 50% / simple majority victory margin.

Since this issue would be such a radical change, there has been tremendous interest from the Statehouse press corps. Three articles have been especially clarifying.

In late April 2023, *The Columbus Dispatch* reported that over \$1 million has already been dumped into the YES campaign from Illinois billionaire Republican megadonor, Richard Uihlein, through the Save Our Constitution PAC. The story reported that this is just the first installment in their efforts to push this amendment.

In early June, *The Plain Dealer*

reported that there was a secret meeting between Republican leadership, lobbyists, and YES on 1 campaign consultants to raise money for the YES campaign and discuss messaging strategy. The story reported that YES campaign supporters were told the following: "You don't say abortion. You don't say 60%. You don't bring up social issues that divide even Republicans. The focus will be on protecting the constitution from special interests."

The very next day, WEWS-TV Channel 5 reported comments by Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose that he made on May 22

at the Seneca County Lincoln Day dinner. He said, "Some people say this is all about abortion. Well, you know what? It's 100% about keeping a radical pro-abortion amendment out of our constitution the left wants to jam it in there this coming November."

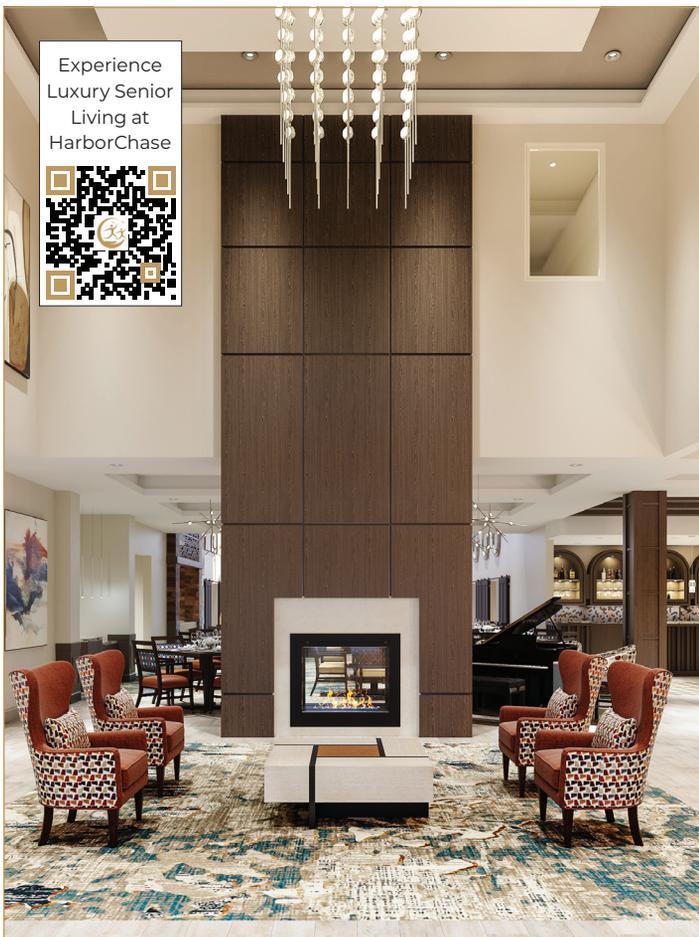
In summary, thanks to the Ohio Statehouse press corps, we know:

1. The YES on State Issue 1 campaign is being funded by an out-of-state billionaire.
2. The central message of the YES campaign will be, "to protect Ohioans from out-of-state interests," and
3. The real reason the GOP is

trying to pass State Issue 1 in August is to make it harder to pass the abortion rights constitutional ballot amendment in November.

In the weeks to come, we may learn more about the motivation behind those trying to end majority rule in Ohio. But regardless, please vote like your future rights are in the balance and vote NO on State Issue 1 on August 8th.

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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Group Helps Members Cut the Chain of Food Addiction

By Arlene Fine

Addictions of any kind are harmful – alcohol, drugs, gambling, sex, etc. Based on growing research and the number of people worldwide with eating disorders, add food addiction to that list.

The nonprofit Food Addicts (FA) in Recovery Resources has made remarkable inroads in addressing the problem of food addiction. FA is an international program designed to help food addicts suffering from a wide range of eating disorders: over eating, under eating, bulimia, abuse of laxatives, excessive exercise, and obsession with body image. FA follows a 12-step program modeled on the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and requires complete abstinence from flour and sugar. Members have a supporting sponsor who designs a food plan and stays in constant contact. There are no dues, fees, or weigh-ins at FA meetings.

After a Beachwood member called to tell us her story and that FA saves lives, we spoke to local individuals whose lives have been remarkably transformed by FA.

Members of FA are all ages and come from myriad social, economic, and religious backgrounds. The one thing they have in common is their belief that their eating patterns and relationship with food are beyond their control. FA members recognize that food addiction is a disease caused by a biochemical condition

that hijacks the brain. After a Beachwood member called to tell us her story and that FA saves lives, we spoke to local individuals whose lives have been remarkably transformed by FA. Their comments tell their stories as they live their lives, one day at a time. For confidentiality purposes, we used only their first names.

Marie

I struggled with my weight all my life. As an adult, I was on five medications relating to obesity. I tried multiple diet programs, eating plans, and eating supplements. Nothing worked for me. I lost some weight but then gained back more. Fifteen years ago, a friend told me about FA and invited me to a meeting. She gave me a gift that changed my life. At that time, I was 5'2" and weighed 270 pounds. Under the guidance of my sponsor and the group, I began to follow the 12-step plan. It took me 13 months to get to my current weight of 120 pounds. As a child, my family didn't talk about addictions or seek help for problems. Having a support group like FA was what had been missing in my life. I now have a full, productive lifestyle without having to turn to food as a drug.

Greg

Many of my family members had serious weight-related issues and I was following in their footsteps.

I weighed 300 pounds, had a heart attack at age 49, and was a type 2 diabetic. I took insulin twice a day, along with other medications. FA dramatically changed my life. Even though I joined as an atheist, I came to realize that I could believe in a higher power – which can be different for everyone. It can be the power of the group, the force of nature, or God. It doesn't matter what you perceive that higher power to be, the essential thing is to recognize you don't have the power personally to deal with your food addiction alone. Without FA it would just be a matter of time before I had a stroke, another heart attack, or future complications from diabetes.

The basis of success of FA is not money or power but the fundamental energy of group members who are completely committed to helping each other get better. I've attended three meetings a week for 15 years because, unlike alcohol, which you don't need to live, food is a substance we have to deal with three times a day. These meetings are very important to me. I've weighed a healthy 185 pounds for the past 14 years thanks to FA.

Naomi

Until 10 years ago I had been a full-blown food addict – I was powerless. I used food as a drug when I was anxious, sad, or fearful. Once I began attending FA meetings, I realized that food

addicts like myself are allergic to foods that contain flour or sugar which trigger a craving system in our brain we can't stop. Most people can eat one cookie and be satisfied – but I had to eat the whole box. Within nine months of FA meetings, I experienced the weight loss I was hoping for and have maintained my weight for the past nine years. Following the 12-step recovery program and eating the correct amount of the right foods has become a way of life for me. I enjoy what I eat and have become food neutral rather than food obsessed. However, I know just slipping once and going back to eating flour or sugar will start the obsession again. This is a lifelong commitment, but I just focus on today and I'm in total control.

Kathy

In 2010 I didn't have a relationship with my siblings or my three daughters. I was \$44,000 in debt and was morbidly obese with so many health problems. My body was slowly breaking down. That same year, I joined FA. Due to the support of the group and my sponsor, I lost 77 pounds within 11 months, and my finances and relationship with my relatives improved. I healed a lot of family wounds. As I wrote down my food intake and the money I spent each day, I was also weighing and measuring my life. I learned to be receptive to help when offered and to a higher power. FA is not a diet



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program, it is a spiritual program with a food plan. I continue to attend three meetings a week: one on Zoom, the other two in Chardon and Solon.

Ashley

As a teen I struggled with under eating and diet pills, in a futile effort to manage my weight. Even though I was a professional dancer, I hated my body. I always felt I was never thin enough. Three years ago,

at age 32, I was introduced to FA. The healthy eating program along with the invaluable support I received helped me learn so much about myself. I developed a sane view of my body image and have learned to love myself for the first time in my life. FA is not just about abstaining from flour and sugar: It is a spiritual lifestyle that lets you live your best life while giving you the mental freedom to do so.

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There are many other meetings on Zoom as well. To find out more about Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, visit www.foodaddicts.org.



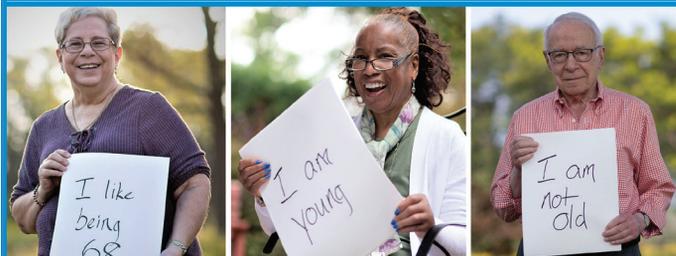
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Breshea Anglen Releases Second Novel

Author and Beachwood Middle School teacher Breshea Anglen has released her second young adult novel, *Noni & The God Tree: A Shattered Truth*, which continues the story of Noni Grace, a human with inexplicable power who must band together with allies old and new to battle evil and save her realm.

As an author and English-Language Arts teacher, Breshea is passionate about making sure students from diverse backgrounds can see themselves represented in popular young adult fiction. The questions and answers below document her journey to becoming an author and how her passion for writing inspires her teaching.

Can you describe your journey to becoming a published author?

I have always been a self-published author. Breaking into the world of traditional publishing is very difficult and many authors lose their autonomy when it comes to publishing traditionally. Furthermore, the rejection rate from traditional publishers for manuscripts written by authors of color is unbelievably high. I wanted to retain as much autonomy as I could in the pursuit of my dream, so I chose the self-publishing route.

Initially, I self-published through Archway Publishing, a self-publishing partner of Simon & Schuster, but I was again struck with the feeling of lost autonomy, specifically pertaining to the first cover for *A Shrouded Spark*, my first novel. I then self-published independently, which was more cost effective. Plus, I was able to have full control over my book cover, which brought in far more readers and truly represented the heart of the book. I successfully self-published my second novel, *Noni & The God Tree: A Shattered Truth* on March 25, 2023.

What do you love most about writing YA fiction?

What I love most is providing an experience for children and young adults that I didn't have as a child. I am and always have been an avid reader and lover of fantasy books. Unfortunately, the fantasy genre is sorely lacking in diverse representation. There were no fantasy books with characters who looked like me, which dampened my experience as a reader. Now, I'm able to create worlds, experiences, and stories centering characters from diverse backgrounds, filling the gap that existed when I was a child and creating new experiences for today's young adults.

How does your passion for writing inspire your teaching?

Writers are born from both nature and nurture. With enough love, time, and cultivation, kids can use writing as a tool to express themselves. My passion for writing inspires me to cultivate new writers, and to provide them with the tools and encouragement they need to believe and know that their stories are valuable and worthy of being heard.

How do you balance teaching and writing?

As a teacher and a mom, I strategically plan my writing time. I usually write for about an hour a day after my daughter has gone to bed, no matter how tired I am. Even if what I wrote turns out



to be not-so-awesome, it's still better than nothing. On weekends, I have freer rein and can use my free time to plan, plot, and write.

Who are your favorite authors?

Stephen King (*The Shining*, *Misery*), Nnedi Okorafor (*Akata Woman*, *BINTI* trilogy), and Tracey Deonn (*Legendborn*, *Bloodmarked*).

What advice do you have for aspiring writers?

Write the stories that scare you. Write the stories that hurt. There is someone, somewhere, who needs to hear what you have to say.

Final messages?

A final message pertains to the importance of diverse representation in literature and the connection between representation, acceptance and understanding, and expression.

As a child, it was difficult to write stories with characters of color because I had never read any, at least none with the positive, encouraging representation that I needed. Now, there are so many books

with diverse characters for kids to choose from, which is truly amazing to see. The world is moving toward diversity and our communities are growing more colorfully diverse by the day. As a community, we need to respond to this change.

Write the stories that scare you. Write the stories that hurt. There is someone, somewhere, who needs to hear what you have to say.

A lot of diverse books are being banned in 2023, many of which tell the stories of people of color, people in the LGBTQ community, and folks in other marginalized communities (cultural, religious, etc.). There needs to be a push toward these sorts of books, especially in the classroom. We should not pull away from them. Books like *The Diary of a Young Girl* (Anne Frank), *Maus* (Art Spiegelman), *The Hate U Give* (Angie Thomas), and *Melissa* (Alex Gino) should be on our shelves. They expand on important topics and issues, and provide opportunities to learn about others' experiences.

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At the core, the job of literature is to teach and help us understand situations, experiences, and emotions that we ourselves may never encounter. We cannot shy away from stories of those who are different from us. We have to learn about differences to understand them and the easiest way to do that is to jump into a book!

Seeing someone who looks like you in a book fight, win, and live can be a great influence on one's own expression and creativity. When I read my first fantasy book with a black female main character, it was exhilarating. I thought, "Wow, I can do this, I can write characters like these – maybe my story matters too!"

All of our kids deserve to experience the feeling of belonging, validation, and being seen. Representation matters. A cycle of healthy, respectful, diverse representation can only reap positive, transformative benefits.

I am super grateful to work in Beachwood, such a beautiful and supportive community. I wouldn't want to be a teacher anywhere else!

50-Year Resident Salute!

On Thursday, June 8, the City of Beachwood recognized residents who have lived in our community for 50 years. Recognition took place at the Beachwood Community Center just before Red Light Roxy's musical performance, which was part of the city's Summer Concert Series. Joel Wallenstein, Donna Wallenstein, Babe Tolin, Donna Glazer, Les Glazer, and Robert B. Caldwell have all lived in Beachwood for a half century!

Mayor Justin Berns and council persons Barbara Bellin Janovitz, Alec Isaacson, and Danielle Shoykhet presented certificates and a blanket to those being honored.



Standing: City Council members Barbara Bellin Janovitz, Alec Isaacson, and Danielle Shoykhet, and Mayor Justin Berns.

Sitting: Joel Wallenstein, Donna Wallenstein, Babe Tolin, Donna Glazer, and Les Glazer.

Not pictured: Robert B. Caldwell.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

FACTS MATTER

The city is currently working on some new and exciting projects. With so many things happening in the city, messaging can sometimes get confused. I'd like to take a moment of your time to shed some light on a few topics.

Foremost among the points I'd like to target is social media. I'd like to be very clear that the city uses social media channels primarily to publicize important news, information and events, for your benefit. What we do NOT and will NOT use social media for is debate. As an extension of this framework, we do not dispute the lies and misinformation that are often extended through these platforms.

With this in mind, we urge residents to get the facts and details related to city plans and projects through any of several options. Significant amounts of information are available on our website. We are fully transparent and accessible through this channel. Knowledge may also be bolstered by watching live and/or recorded videos of city meetings, available on our website at BeachwoodOhio.com/WatchMeetings.

Of course, all residents are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings live. Regarding our plans and projects, they are handled by the city's administration which is filled with professionals and public servants who take their work for this community seriously. **Among our top priorities is to provide superior services, which is one of the bedrocks of Beachwood. As such, we take pride in our work, and we deliver generously of our time and efforts.**

One upcoming project about which we are especially excited is the new playground on Fairmount Boulevard, in an extremely visible corridor at the center of the city. This type of project has a long timeline, with many chances for the public to plug in at every step along the way. Key details associated with it:

- 2021 – This project was discussed at a public meeting revealing that over 50% of the equipment is 20 years old (with difficulty replacing parts) and trees were an issue
- 2/2022 – City administration members attended a playground tradeshow in Sandusky
- 7/2022 – County grant meeting included presentation by city officials highlighting issues such as the need to replace mulch surface with rubber, add handicap accessibility and add pavilion for shade
- 8/2022 – County awards Beachwood \$700,000

- 11/2022 – Qualifications of various playground professionals were vetted; this included conceptual design options
- 1/2023 – Playground survey posted on Facebook and the city website for residents to complete
- 3/2023 – Playground presentation with numerous updates at Recreation and Community Services committee meeting
- 5/2023 – Playground video rendering and details posted on city website and Facebook and an additional committee meeting(s) were held as project updates
- 6/2023 – Council approves the purchase of the playground equipment and installation
- 6/2023 – Donation by resident of \$10,000

As our city engineer, GPD was asked to prepare design specifications and probable costs for the sitework necessary to complete the playground project. This project reflects extensive transparency which is a hallmark of my administration. We will continue to conduct ourselves in this manner, as you would expect.

The City of Beachwood follows the law as it relates to competitively bidding projects over \$50,000 which may include items procured under State Bid pricing, or through a cooperative purchasing group. Those products have essentially been bid by another government organization, ensuring a fair price. City Council may waive public bidding when necessary. This usually occurs when the item(s) are from a sole source provider, or if it is a special project wherein a certain manufacturer is desired.

As you consume future messaging, we urge everyone to fully inform themselves with the facts. I'm very pleased with the reality that the city offers every opportunity to make this possible.



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LEGISLATIVE RECAP - JUNE

2023-57 – Council approved an Ordinance amending Ordinance #2021-135 which authorized a Job Creation Incentive Grant agreement for Trailhead Biosystems. The amendment changes the first year of a three (3) year period from 2022 to 2023. The company was unable to obtain occupancy as originally anticipated because of supply chain issues and construction delays due to the pandemic.

2023-59 – Council passed an Ordinance amending appropriations for current expenditures for the 2023 Fiscal year.

2023-55 – An Ordinance adopting 2023 Alternative Tax budget for 2024 was presented to City Council and placed on first reading on May 15 and placed on second reading on June 12. 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. The City of Beachwood will not be levying any charter millage.

2023-60 – Council passed an Ordinance declaring certain property as surplus property and approving its sale on GovDeals. The City sold a 2005 Club Car Villager Golf Cart with an anticipated value of less than \$2,000 for \$5,425.

2023-61 – Council approved an Ordinance amending BCO section 131.03 authorizing the Mayor to Dispose of Personal or Real (City) property of \$7,500 or less.

2023-62 – Council amended fees for Building permits - BCO Chapter 1329, Section 1329.01(d). These fees are intended to keep residential streets clean from debris during construction.

2023-63 – Council passed legislation amending the fee schedule for the cost of nuisance abatement for grass cutting from \$100 to \$125 per cut.

2023-64 – Council passed an ordinance accepting a certain bid from Cargill Inc. through a joint municipal improvement consortium as the supplier of rock salt - a one-year renewal at a price of \$52.21 per ton.



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2023-65 – Council passed an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to purchase and install playground equipment and surfacing from MidStates as a sole source vendor and under the Sourcwell Purchasing Cooperative and to waive competitive bidding. BCO 121.09 (d)(1) authorizes the City to purchase equipment and materials that have been competitively bid in accordance with a participating cooperative purchasing program. Additionally, Ohio Administrative Code Rule authorizes waiving of competitive bidding if a supplier is the sole source vendor because of its proprietary and unique nature. MidStates was the chosen playground vendor after the City vetted three (3) playground professionals and reviewed their concepts. MidStates has exclusive rights to sell certain playground equipment elements and surfacing. The total amount to be paid to MidStates is not to exceed \$2,414,538. Our City Engineer is creating bid specifications for the required site work. By purchasing this equipment now, the City will save about 12% - 15% of anticipated increases. The City received a \$700,000 grant from the County to be used to offset the cost of this equipment.

As part of our ongoing Sewer Relief program, Council authorized the Clerk to advertise for Bids for the Timberland/Green Sanitary Relief Sewer Phase 1.

More information regarding these agenda items and back up materials can be found on our website.

BeachwoodOhio.com/AgendaCenter

**UPCOMING CITY
MEETINGS**

City Council:
July 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
July 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Architectural Board of Review:
July 3 at 4:30 p.m.
July 17 at 4:30 p.m.

WORK-LIVE-LEARN..THRIVE

COMMUNITY GARDENS TAKE ROOT

The Beachwood Community Gardens were buzzing with excitement on Friday, May 26, for the ribbon cutting and grand opening. Mayor Justin Berns, city council members, city administration, Public Works employees and many of the gardeners were on hand for the ceremony. Richard Forman, known by the nickname Mayor of the Community Gardens, assisted Mayor Berns with the ceremonial first plant.

The new location is ADA compliant and features 86 plots. The boxes were beautifully constructed and filled by Beachwood Public Works. Shade shelters and a shed will be installed upon delivery. The city is “rooting” for all our gardeners and looking forward to enjoying this new amenity for many years to come.



Mayor Justin Berns with council members Josh Mintz, Eric Synenberg, Alec Isaacson, Danielle Shoykhet, June Taylor and Public Works Department employees.



The ceremonial first plant with Mayor Berns and Richard Forman.



Resident John Rainsberger working on his plot on a June morning.



Plots in their early stages of growing during early June.



Pops of color along the border of the Ghiandoni family plot.

INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY HOURS: City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Rubbish collections on Tuesday and for the remainder of the week will be delayed one day.

AMERICAN FLAG TAKES CENTER STAGE OUTSIDE CITY HALL

In honor of Memorial Day, Mayor Berns, Community Services Director Derek Schroeder and Program Manager Shannon Diamond painted the city’s annual American flag display on the front lawn along Richmond Road. A new design is being planned for Independence Day, weather pending.

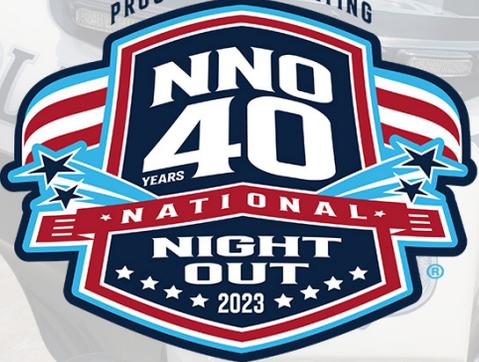


BEACHWOOD HIGHLY RATED ONCE AGAIN

The City of Beachwood is grateful and proud to hold one of the top spots once again in *Cleveland Magazine's 2023 Rating the Suburbs*. We would like to thank all city employees, residents and business owners for making Beachwood a great place to call home.



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THE MIND CHALLENGE

Team Beachwood went on a roll with their best performance in The Mind Challenge, a regional trivia competition for seniors in a tournament style format. Over 40 cities participated from across Northeast Ohio. Team Beachwood won the Shaker Heights region against Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights and the Partnership on Aging. The next round was a head-to-head showdown with Streetsboro, winner of the Aurora region, where Beachwood came out on top again for a spot in the "Fact Finding Six" semi-final, ultimately finishing fourth overall.

Team members include Les Snider, Rory Sanders, Fred Valins, Linda Waldman, Rick Fishman, Steve Brofman and Chad Cohen.



Team Beachwood at the Fact Finding Six semi-final in Middleburg Heights.

Left to right: Fred Valins, Les Snider, Rory Sanders, Rick Fishman, Linda Waldman, Chad Cohen and Steve Brofman

DEER MANAGEMENT SURVEY RESULTS

The survey was offered from April 4 to May 30 to gather feedback from residents before determining how to proceed in the future.



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RACE FOR THE PLACE

Race for the Place had tremendous participation again this year including many city staff members. The wonderful weather on June 4 only added to the spirit of celebrating those whose lives have been touched by cancer. The annual 5K run and 1-mile run/walk benefits The Gathering Place located in Beachwood.



Left to right: Dana Canzone, Nathalie Supler, Tina Turick, Jenny Rodriguez, Chief McLaughlin



Left to right: FF Don Coyne, Cpt. Anthony Strazzo, FF Nick Ricco, Mayor Berns, FF Joe DiAntonio, FF Ben Welsh, Ben's wife Alyssa, Council VP Eric Synenberg

DOG RESCUE KITS

Beachwood Police Department would like to thank Joshua Kahn for creating dog rescue kits for his Eagle Scout project. Every marked patrol vehicle received a kit!



Joshua Kahn with Officer Cory Scroggi.

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY HAS TONS OF SUCCESS

Beachwood's first community shred day of the year brought a crowd on Friday, May 12. In total, 614 residents participated with 15,500 pounds (7.75 tons) of paper shredded. Thank you to everyone involved!

Our next shred day is Sunday, September 10, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Community Center parking lot.



Tim Kolat and Rob Noska unloading a resident's vehicle on May 12.

JULY RECREATION GUIDE

Beachwood Family Aquatic Center

DISCO NIGHT

THURSDAY, JULY 13
8:00-10:00 PM

MUSIC & GAMES
SWIM UNDER THE LIGHTS
DESSERT TRUCKS

SIGN UP BEGINNING MAY 29!

BFAC Members \$3
City Residents \$5
Non-Resident Guests \$8

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A RECORD SETTING MEMORIAL DAY AT BFAC

On Monday, May 29, the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center (BFAC) recorded its highest single-day attendance based on available historical data. In total, 1,482 patrons visited the pool on Memorial Day!

The work of the BFAC management team, lifeguards, Woodside Snacks and seasonal staff is greatly appreciated. Even with a record setting day, the team managed operations in a smooth and efficient manner.

Planning to visit the aquatic center this summer? Rates, the guest policy, splash parties and more are available online at BeachwoodRec.com.



A view from atop the water slide on Memorial Day, May 29.

LEAF PARTY DAY FALLS INTO THE AQUATIC CENTER ON JULY 6

Leaf Party Day continues to grow as 21-year-old Bartu Hatipoglu will lead the 6th annual celebration on Thursday, July 6, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center. Bartu, a resident who doesn't let autism get in the way of his unique ability to connect with others through nature, began bringing leaves to the pool in 2017 to share with now retired Pool Manager Missy Bystrom. The leaves quickly became a favorite of other children at the pool who would follow Bartu around the lazy river chanting 'Leaf Party' as they swung their branches around their heads.

Fast forward to today, the Leaf Party is an annual tradition with leaf-themed crafts, garlands, crowns, T-shirts and more. The event is attended by some of Beachwood's summer camps and is open to BFAC members only.



Bartu's grand entrance at the 2022 event.

JULY CONCERTS

Beachwood Beats continues with a full slate of live music throughout the month of July!

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

- 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.

- 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



BEACHWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SATURDAY, JULY 15
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9 AM Doubles \$35, Rain Date: July 16
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10:00 AM	10:00 AM
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BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY: **My Art Through The Ages** | On display in the Community Center through Saturday, August 5.
Artwork by Mikhail Bratslavsky, Marcia Gross, Nikki Harris, "Hutch" Stoller and the Skufca family.

BEACHWOOD SENIORS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & TRIPS

- Creative Expression: Bling, Rings and Beads**
Wednesday, August 9, 6:00 p.m., Cleveland Rocks & Beads
Residents & Non-Residents \$22 plus supplies (2499 Lee Blvd., Cleveland Hts.)
Need a little bling for an outfit? How about a handmade gift? Then Cleveland Rocks & Beads is the place to be! Bring a brown bag dinner or snack. Register by August 2. Anticipate \$10 or more in supplies.
- Creative Expression: Awesome Archives**
Thursday, August 24, 10:30 a.m., The Artists Archives of the Western Reserve
Residents \$12, Non-Residents \$15 (1834 E. 123rd St., Cleveland)
The Artists Archives preserves representative bodies of work created by Ohio visual artists. Come see what it is all about as we have a docent guided tour and create a piece of art. Register by August 17.
- Living Life in Retirement: What Is Your Plan?**
September 11-21, Monday/Thursday, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Community Center
Residents \$188, Non-Residents \$225
Plan for non-financial retirement factors like replacing your work identity, staying connected, as well as keeping mentally and physically fit. Taught by certified retirement coach, Andrea Jennings. Register by September 7.

SENIOR DAY OUT

Traveling Music
Thursday, July 20, at Noon
Beachwood Community Center

Residents \$13
Non-Residents \$16
Program Only \$5
Register by July 11.

Marshall Griffith, pianist extraordinaire, will take us on a musical trip with songs about places and ways to get there. No need to pack your bag, nor find your passport, just bring your sense of adventure!

Meal choices include a bistro salad or chicken Caesar salad. All entrees served with a roll, butter, beverage and dessert.

SAVE THE DATE:
Senior Day Out - August 17
Cleveland's Iconic Crossroads

Register for events at BeachwoodRec.com, City Hall or call 216.292.1970.

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS ATTRACT COLLABORATION, FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

The Department of Economic Development hosted two focused roundtable discussions in May, one on workforce development and the other on research, development, innovation and commercialization. Roundtable discussions serve a key role in facilitating communication between business, institutions, regional partners and local government, bringing key insights and on-going practices that can guide future investments and new opportunities.

The first roundtable discussion was focused on workforce development and involved representatives from local college institutions, healthcare partners, industry experts, local and regional partners. There were conversations pertaining to ways we can collaborate with neighboring college institutions to support their programmatic efforts that guide the pipeline for the future healthcare workforce.

The second roundtable discussion covered ideas surrounding collaboration and support for research, development, innovation and commercialization. Beachwood is unique with the cluster developments occurring in these areas. Discussions touched on

present research and its ties to Beachwood-based organizations like Empowering Epilepsy, InMotion Parkinson Support Center, the Alzheimer's Association and the Gathering Place Cancer Support Center. These organizations came together for a tour of Trailhead Bio-Systems to better understand the research being performed here within Commerce Park, in the same neighborhood as their respective organizations.

Follow-up roundtables will be held later this year. Any companies or institutions that would like to participate in those discussions should reach out to the Director of Economic Development, Cathy Bieterman, at 216.292.1915.



Touring Trailhead Bio-Systems in Commerce Park.

CO-WORKING SPACES REMAINING STRONG, BRINGING NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Co-working spaces have been on the rise for a number of years, but today, Beachwood's interest in these collaborative work spaces is even stronger as they can provide an opportunity for flexible space in a professional setting. Today these spaces can also serve to bring new social networks and like-minded professionals together. Available here are high tech meeting rooms, unique event spaces, private offices, 24-hour access, administrative support, cafés, fitness options, professional development opportunities, and special perks that support a strong live/work lifestyle. For more details on these unique opportunities in Beachwood, visit BeachwoodOhio.com and the city's Economic Development webpage under "Available Space."

EATON NAMED TOP WORKPLACE

What an honor! Eaton was recently named a Top 100 Global Most Loved Workplace by Newsweek. We're proud to have you here in Beachwood.



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Class of 2023



Beachwood Class of 2023

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*Leana Adunts, Vincent Crenshaw, Maya Eisengart, Kimia Esmaeili Adabi,
Kaajal Krishnan, Benjamin Lawrence, Rebecca Lawton, James O'Neill, Adam Ritzenberg,
Dhruv Seth, Haya Shehadeh, Kai Zheng*

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

Netta Haas, Kai Zheng

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMMENDED STUDENTS

Vincent Crenshaw, Maya Eisengart, Kaajal Krishnan, Rebecca Lawton, Dhruv Seth

HONORS DIPLOMAS

*Leana Adunts, Grace Allen, Caleb Berns, Aayush Bhriguvansh, Zachary Cohen, Vincent Crenshaw,
Sam DeYoung, Maya Eisengart, Sepanta Minoo Entezari, Kimia Esmaeili Adabi, Briahna Golubitsky,
Maya Greller, Netta Haas, Audrey Hardis, Drew Keilin, Michael Keselman, Samah Khan, Kaajal Krishnan,
Alexander Lahti-Thiam, Benjamin Lawrence, Rebecca Lawton, Moore Li, Avery Lonzer, Jack Miller,
James O'Neill, Hannah Plotkin, Varun Ramesh, Ana Ribeiro Duraes, Max Rindsberg, Adam Ritzenberg,
Dhruv Seth, Haya Shehadeh, Owen Shook, Naomi Shroge, Eric Steckner, David Steckner, Alonzo Tovanche,
Erica Ward, Jonah Wolfe, Ryleigh Zabell, Illia Zavhorodnii, Brett Zawatsky, Kai Zheng*

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Brett Zawatsky, Kai Zheng*

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Nyemah Bateman, Makaia McMichael, Kaylee Patterson, Kali Phelps, Nory'M Strickland

NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY

Caleb Berns, Sepanta Minoo Entezari, Drew Keilin, Benjamin Lawrence, Owen Shook, Brett Zawatsky

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Top 10% of the graduating class by weighted GPA

National Merit Scholarship

Over 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the National Merit competition by taking the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Approximately 16,000 semi-finalists were named on a state-representational basis. Semi-finalists were the highest-scoring program entrants in each state and represented less than 1% of the nation's seniors. To compete for Merit Scholarship awards, each Semi-finalist first had to submit a detailed application, essay, endorsements and more. From that group, 15,000 are named Finalists and, of the Finalists, approximately half achieve Merit Scholar status.

Foundation Scholarships

by High School Department

**Career and
Technical Education**



Benjamin Lawrence

English



Netta Haas

Mathematics



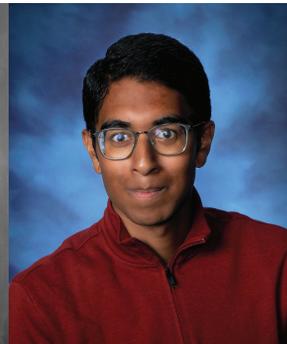
Rebecca Lawton

**Performing
Arts**



Alexander Lahti-Thiam

Science



Dhruv Seth

**Social
Studies**



Maya Greller

Technology



Brett Zawatsky

Visual Arts



Ana Ribeiro Duraes

**World
Language**



Hannah Plotkin



The Beachwood Schools Foundation

Scholarships and Awards



Grace Allen



Lucas Bennett



Rena Berkowitz



Caleb Berns



Emily Clar



Kimia Esmaeili Adabi



Josh Greenwood



Becca Harlan



Megan Harlan



Drew Keilin



Samah Khan



Kaajal Krishnan



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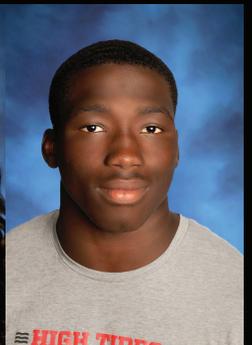
Jack Miller



Myon Mitchell



Reese Muttillio



Uzonna Nzekwe



Hannah Plotkin



Max Rindsberg



Haya Shehadeh



Naomi Shroge



Brett Zawatsky



Kai Zheng

Every year the Foundation manages more than two dozen funds awarding nearly \$15,000 to deserving Beachwood High School seniors.

These are the recipients from the Beachwood High School Class of 2023

The Beachwood Schools Foundation (BSF) is a 501(c)3 philanthropic organization administered by a volunteer board of directors from the Beachwood community. Its primary mission is to obtain funds from individuals, families and corporations to provide scholarships to graduating seniors who are continuing their education. Additionally, an "Above and Beyond" program has been initiated to raise money to enhance educational programming in the Beachwood School District.

THE GINA MICHELLE AGIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Recipient: Emily Clar

This scholarship is awarded annually to a female Beachwood High School graduating senior who has participated in women's interscholastic sports or cheerleading. She must have demonstrated dedication to achieve team success.

THE VERA ARLEN SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Kimia Esmaeili Adabi

This scholarship was established in 2010 by Sidney Arlen to honor his wife's memory and to acknowledge her special qualities as an individual. This scholarship is awarded annually to a female Beachwood High School graduating senior who exhibits leadership, humanity and a generous spirit in a humble manner.

THE ABBY BENDIS SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Reese Muttillo

This scholarship is awarded to a BHS graduating senior who has shown how laughter, silliness, kindness, and a dedication to helping others be their best has made a positive impact on their classmates and/or the community. The Abby Bendis Scholarship was established in 2022 to remember Abby Bendis. Abby was a good student and an active member of several athletic teams and clubs.

She made a positive impact on her family, friends, and the BHS community through simple but powerful interactions with others.

THE BEACHWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Max Rindsberg

This scholarship is awarded annually to a Beachwood High School graduating senior who has been successfully employed in a Beachwood business or industry and who intends to pursue a career in business or a business selected vocation. It was established in 1999 by the Chamber of Commerce.

THE BEACHWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HARLAN DIAMOND CULINARY ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Leyla Torres (not pictured)

This scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior of the Beachwood High School consortium Culinary Arts Program who has been accepted to and will attend a post-secondary educational program in the field of either culinary arts or restaurant management. This scholarship was established to honor Harlan Diamond and the Culinary Arts Program.

THE BEACHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Brett Zawatsky

This scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior of Beachwood High School who is the son or daughter of a graduate of Beachwood High School. The applicant must have demonstrated leadership ability; contributed to help improve the school and/or community; be a hard working student; and have demonstrated that he/she is a caring human being. It was established in 1999 by the Beachwood High School Alumni Association Fund.

THE BEACHWOOD BOOSTERS ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Recipients: Drew Keilin and Uzonna Nzekwe

This award is given to two graduating seniors who personify ideals consistent with the Boosters mission of "Promote the growth and success of the Beachwood City Schools Athletics while encouraging school and community spirit."

THE CLEVELAND CLINIC HEALTH CAREER SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Grace Allen

Established in 2006, this scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior who has been outstanding in one or more of the following areas: academics, community service and extracurricular activities, and intends to pursue a career in the area of health care at a college, university or technical program.

THE DAVE AND JANICE BLOOM SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Emily Clar

This scholarship is awarded annually to a qualified senior who has shown a strong commitment to Beachwood athletics by being a player, equipment person, or team manager. The applicant must have participated with the same sports team for at least two years and shown strong sportsmanship. This scholarship was established in 2004 by the children of Dave and Janice Bloom in honor of their time and dedication to the City of Beachwood and its sports programs.

THE DONNA BICKOFF COHEN SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Kimia Esmaeili Adabi

The Donna Bickoff Cohen Scholarship was established in 2011 by contributions from the community in memory of Donna who was active in nearly everything Beachwood, particularly the schools. The scholarship honors a student with a "can do" attitude who embodies the spirit of the Beachwood Schools and pride in the Beachwood community.

THE FRED AND CARLA CROSBY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Myon Mitchell

The Fred and Carla Crosby Scholarship was established in 2017 and created in memory of Fred and Carla Crosby, both committed members of the community and supporters of The Beachwood Schools, as well as education in general. The scholarship is awarded annually to an African American student who has demonstrated a commitment to helping others, involvement in the community, school spirit, participation in athletics, and/or leadership.

THE HARVEY FRIEDMAN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Samah Khan

This award is given annually to a Beachwood High School graduating senior who has demonstrated significant leadership during his or her high school career. It was founded by Harvey and Shirley Friedman and their family in 1998.

THE GEVELBER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Recipients: Lucas Bennett, Caleb Berns, Uzonna Nzekwe, and Haya Shehadeh

This scholarship was created in 2011 to recognize a Beachwood student who has been an athlete who promotes leadership during and outside the athletic competition, and has been a team player who puts others before self.

THE PAM AND DAN JOHNSTON SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Naomi Shroge

This award, established by friends of Pam and Dan in 2001, recognizes their contributions to the Beachwood Schools. It is awarded annually to a Beachwood High School student who will be participating in the graduation ceremony, and experiences challenges over and above the trials and tribulations facing today's young adults. The applicant must have strength and support while confronting struggles with passion and perseverance. He or she must have plans to continue in a program that enhances his/her future.

THE GINNY KLINE FUTURE EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Rena Berkowitz

The Ginny Kline Future Educator Scholarship honors her career as an elementary school teacher in Beachwood Schools. This award will be presented to a Beachwood High School senior who plans to pursue studies in the field of K-6 elementary school education. The student's academic work, community service, and personal character shall demonstrate the passion, values and characteristics of Ginny Kline's career and exhibit a commitment and clear interest in pursuing this field of endeavor.

THE KAM AND CHIEN LIAO MATH AND NATURAL SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Kai Zheng

This scholarship established in 2007 by Dr. and Mrs. Liao is awarded annually to a Beachwood High School graduating senior who has been outstanding in mathematics or natural sciences, will attend a four year college or university and who indicates a desire to pursue a career in the area of Natural Sciences, Engineering or Mathematics. This student must also have a 4.0 in core subjects.

THE JOAN LOBERT SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Kaajal Krishnan

This scholarship is awarded annually to a Beachwood High School graduating senior who has been outstanding in one or more of the following, and who indicates an intention to pursue a career in the area of: 1) Political Science, 2) Government, 3) Public Service.

THE RON MADOW ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Recipients: Josh Greenwood and Uzonna Nzekwe

This scholarship is awarded to Beachwood High School graduating senior wrestlers who have been members of the varsity team for at least two years and have attained a high level of achievement while on the team. This memorial scholarship was established in 2006 by Ron Madow's family and friends.

THE JILL DOBRIN MENACHEM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Megan Harlan

This scholarship established in 2002 by the Dobrin Family is awarded annually to a Beachwood High School graduating senior whose love of children and concern for their welfare has motivated her/him to pursue a career in Early Childhood Education or a related field working with young children.

THE STEVEN MARK WASSERMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Becca Harlan

This scholarship is awarded annually to a Beachwood High School graduating senior who indicates an intention to pursue a career in television writing and/or film. It was established in 1999 by Steven's parents Bernard and Florence Wasserman in honor of his creativity and ingenuity as a writer and producer for television and motion pictures.

THE DAKOTA "CODY" WEINER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Samantha McPhillips

This scholarship, established by family and friends in 2001 in Cody's honor, is given annually to a Beachwood High School graduating senior with an extremely kind heart, who, because of his or her spirit, succeeds against all odds and uses their experience to help others.

THE WEISENBERG FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Benjamin Lawrence

Established by Aaron and Whitney Weisenberg in 2008, this scholarship is awarded annually to a Beachwood High School graduating senior who exhibits passion and commitment to the arts and intends to pursue a career in that area.

THE NORM WEISS SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Jack Miller

This scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior who throughout his/her school years has demonstrated a commitment to, and participated in, charity, volunteer, and community service activities, substantially greater than those required for graduation. It was established in 2002 in his memory by Norm's family.

THE PAUL AND KATE WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Kai Zheng

This scholarship is awarded annually to a Beachwood High School graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding capabilities in one or more of the following areas: 1) visionary thinking, 2) entrepreneurial spirit, 3) dedication to life-long learning. It was established in 2004 by Kate and Paul Williams.

THE DR. JERRY S. AND GAIL R. WOLKOFF CIVIC AWARD

Recipient: Hannah Plotkin

Established in memory of their parents in 1999 by the Wolkoff children, this award is given annually to a graduating senior who has exceeded the requirements for community service work, who has participated in two or more Beachwood School extra-curricular activities, and who has achieved a 2.75 GPA in high school.



Awards

RANDY S. BOROFF BISON AWARD

Recipients: Taylor Blackwell and Brett Zawatsky

This award recognizes a young man and woman who have served the school with spirit and enthusiasm.

GAIL BREWSTER JCWA AWARD

Recipient: Julian Landes

Awarded to a senior who demonstrates spirit and dedicated commitment to the work of the JCWA.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE BEACHCOMBER

Recipient: Samantha McPhillips

STUDENT COUNCIL SPIRIT AWARD

Recipient: Samah Khan

CLEVELAND TECHNICAL SOCIETY - SENIOR

Recipient: Rebecca Lawton

Outstanding Senior in Science and Math

OMEA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST ORCHESTRA STUDENTS

Recipients: Leana Adunts, Kimia Esmaeili Adabi, Audrey Hardis, Kaajal Krishnan, Jack Miller, Owen Shook, Erica Ward, Jonah Wolfe

OMEA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST BAND STUDENTS

Recipient: Alexander Lahti-Thiam

ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR AWARD

Recipient: James O'Neill

OUTSTANDING SENIOR

Recipient: Jack Miller

OUTSTANDING ORCHESTRA LEADERSHIP

Recipients: Netta Haas, Owen Shook, Jonah Wolfe

OUTSTANDING SPIRIT

Recipient: Erica Ward

OUTSTANDING BAND MEMBER

Recipient: Vincent Crenshaw

OUTSTANDING CHOIR MEMBER

Recipient: Catherine Mayer

OMEA SOLO & ENSEMBLE CONTEST, RECEIVED A SUPERIOR RATING

Recipient: Catherine Mayer

FRIENDS OF BEACHWOOD ORCHESTRA

Recipient: Kaajal Krishnan

SEMPER FIDELIS AWARD FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Recipient: Netta Haas

ARCHIE GRIFFIN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Recipients: Emily Clar and Vincent Crenshaw

This award is to recognize students who display exemplary sportsmanship.

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION COURAGEOUS STUDENT AWARD

Recipients: Maya Greller and Evan Warner

This award is intended to bring credit to very special students who have been involved in, or supportive of, the interscholastic athletic program and who deserve recognition for courage.

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

Recipients: Vincent Crenshaw and Maya Greller

This award is given to one male and one female student who have the highest scholastic average at the end of the first semester of 12th grade and have received a minimum of four varsity letters.

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Recipients: Nia Brown and Joshua Greenwood

This award is presented to one male and one female student who have exhibited qualities that embody good citizenship, good moral character, and good sporting behavior.

CHAGRIN VALLEY CONFERENCE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Recipients: Taylor Blackwell and Uzonna Nzekwe

OMEA ALL-STATE JAZZ BAND

Recipient: Alexander Lahti-Thiam

Community Scholarships

BARBARA NANCY HOLSTEIN MEMORIAL AWARD

Recipient: Lana Lagman

FRIENDS OF THE BEACHWOOD LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Rebecca Lawton

MICHAEL FRIEDMAN'S BUCKEYE AUTO LEASE SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Brett Zawatsky

BEACHWOOD BAND AND DRILL TEAM BOOSTERS

Recipient: Alexander Lahti-Thiam

This award is presented to a Beachwood High School senior who will be pursuing music in the future and has completed a scholarship essay pertaining to that.

BEACHWOOD FEDERATION OF TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Rebecca Lawton

This award was established to honor a member of Beachwood High School's graduating class who has shown personal commitment to academics, school activities, and community service.

BEACHWOOD PTO SCHOLARSHIPS

Recipients: Briahna Golubitsky, Maya Greller, Audrey Hardis, Sarah Katz, Michael Keselman, Samah Khan, Kaajal Krishnan, Jeremiah Wilson, Brett Zawatsky, and Kai Zheng

Each year the PTO awards \$500 scholarships to deserving Juniors.

KEITH BANKHEAD MEMORIAL AWARD

Recipient: Nathan Lurie

This award is presented to students who have excelled in the sport of basketball.

WENDELL DAVID HAYNES MEMORIAL AWARD

Recipient: Hannah Levi

This award is presented to a student who has contributed countless hours in community service.

AVI FOODSYSTEMS SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Ana Ribeiro Duraes

This award is presented to students who work hard to maximize their talent while making substantial contributions to better the community.

MEDICAL MUTUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Rebecca Lawton

This award is presented to a student committed to education and community.

BEACHWOOD

Class of

Leana Adunts Carnegie Mellon University

Nawaf Aldosari Undecided

Grace Lorraine Allen The Ohio State University

Gili Avitan Israeli Defense Forces

Nyemah Bateman Kent State University

Kym'Yatta Jemia Lynn Battle The Ohio State University

Ma'ayan C. Benezra Cuyahoga Community College

Lucas Walker Bennett Coastal Carolina University

Rena Berkowitz University of Cincinnati

Caleb London Berns The Ohio State University

Aayush Bhriguvansh University of Cincinnati

Seth Binkofsky Cuyahoga Community College

Taylor Blackwell Coastal Carolina University

Debreana Blake Butler Georgia State University

Nia Daveigh Brown University of Cincinnati

Hannah Butler Kent State University

Ámbar Cáceres Brenes Miami University

Jaymon D.F. Caldwell The Flyght Academy

Sarah Carrington Undecided

Emily Clar Kent State University

Zachary Drew Cohen The Ohio State University

Vincent T. Crenshaw University of Chicago

Jeremiah Lee Croff Undecided

Sam DeYoung Cleveland State University

Griffin S. Doughty Cleveland State University

Alexander Droe Ohio University

Braylen T. Eaton University of Cincinnati

Matthew Edwards Undecided

Maya Jamie Eisengart Barnard College

Sepanta Minoo Entezari University of Pittsburgh

Kimia Esmaeili Adabi Harvard University

Shane Fowler Cleveland State University

Meira Devorah German Ringling College of Art + Design

Briahna Golubitsky University of Kentucky

Josh Greenwood Morgan State University

Maya Abigail Greller The Ohio State University

Emma Haag Undecided

Netta Ruth Haas Northeastern University

Audrey Merrill Hardis The Ohio State University

Rebecca Harlan University of Oregon

Megan Harlan Syracuse University

Joshua Jones Entrepreneurship

Joshua Kahn Lev Hatorah

Sarah Morgan Katz Rochester Institute of Technology

Drew Spencer Keilin The Ohio State University

Michael David Keselman The Ohio State University

Samah Ossam Khan University of California

Daniel Kirvel Elon University

Mauricio Freitas Kliger Undecided

Guilherme Freitas Kliger Undecided

Kaajal Krishnan University of Southern California

Lana Lagman The Ohio State University

Alexander Lahti-Thiam University of Michigan

Julian Michael Landes Northwestern University

Misha Zev Lauer Cuyahoga Community College

Benjamin P. Lawrence University of Virginia

Rebecca Taylor Lawton Northwestern University

Alexander Lee State University of New York

Kirsten Nicole Lee University of Cincinnati

Hannah Levi Yeshiva University

Moore Mo Li The Ohio State University

Avery Lonzer Dickinson College

2023



SENIOR DECISIONS

- Nathaniel Shane Lurie** University of Cincinnati
Lauren Luxenburg University of Cincinnati
Carli Margolis Kent State University
Catherine Mayer Ohio University
Makaia Shamar McMichael Kent State University
Samantha B. McPhillips St. Louis University
Jack Samuel Miller University of Colorado
Myon Damani Mitchell The Ohio State University
Reese Abigail Muttillio Ohio University
Kripessh Narayanan Undecided
Zachary Nolden Undecided
Michael Ariel Novikov The Ohio State University
Uzonna Nzekwe Tiffin University
James C. O'Neill The Ohio State University
Alika Ogor Cuyahoga Community College
Haruka Okamoto Ohio University
Shalev Ost University of Cincinnati
Noah Page Allegheny College
Sherman Max Page Miami University
Kaylee Patterson Kent State University
Neli Shimona Pelts Undecided
Kali V. Phelps Kent State University
Mar'Quis Pinkney Undecided
Hannah Meira Plotkin Midreshet Amudim
Varun Ramesh The Ohio State University
Sofiia Razhyk Ohio University
Ana Ribeiro Duraes Cleveland Institute of Art
Max Isaac Rindsberg University of Georgia
Adam Michael Ritzenberg The Ohio State University
Arianna Desiree Ann Rose Cleveland State University
Mallory Rose University of Cincinnati
Noah Elan Rosner Workforce
Shira Rub Israeli Defense Forces
Anna Schecter Grand Canyon University
Dhruv Seth Johns Hopkins University
Dana Shazor-Horne Workforce
Haya Shehadeh Case Western Reserve University
Owen Shook The Ohio State University
Eli Shore University of Cincinnati
Naomi Shroge University of Maryland
Ryan Silverberg Undecided
Levi Simon Undecided
Avery-Rae Smith Undecided
Samuel Spaller Vocational Guidance Services
Eric Linus Steckner The Ohio State University
David Steckner Miami University
Jace E. Stimpert Cuyahoga Community College
Nory'M Strickland Cleveland State University
Trenton Thornton Undecided
Alonzo Tovanche University of Central Florida
Samuel Vaiselberg Undecided
Alexa Lacy Walters University of Cincinnati
Erica B. Ward The Ohio State University
Evan Emmanuel Warner Wayne State University
Prince Eric Williams Undecided
Jeremiah T. Wilson Xavier University
Jonah Wolfe The Ohio State University
Ryleigh Gail Zabell Loyola University
Illia Zavorodnii Undecided
Brett Austin Zawatsky The Ohio State University
Kai Zheng Case Western Reserve University

Teren Advances to OHSAA State Tennis Championship

By Arlene Fine

Beachwood High School rising senior Landis Teren netted an impressive victory on the tennis court this year.

Landis, 17, made it to the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Tennis Championships at the Ohio State University Ty Tucker Center Championships which was played on May 25-26.

“Landis is our first singles player to qualify for the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) State Championships since Mark Goldberg in 2009,” said Ryan Peters, Beachwood District Director of Athletics. “Qualifying for the State Championship in NE Ohio is a very difficult task, because NE Ohio consistently has the top tennis teams in the state. Landis peaked at the right time, and

beat some of the top players in the District to advance. He has his sights set on placing at the State Championships next year, and we are confident that Landis will work tirelessly to accomplish that goal.”

Landis picked up his first tennis racquet when he was 10 years old, but it wasn't until he entered Beachwood Middle School that he took the sport seriously. His natural ability, commitment, and dedication caught the attention of the BHS athletic department coaching staff, and he was asked to try out for the BHS tennis team in his freshman year. He has been an integral part of the team's success ever since.

Thanks to the full support of his parents, Sofia and Robert, Landis takes private lessons from his BHS varsity tennis coach David Cole and is also a regular at the Cleveland Racquet Club, where he practices the sport year-round. This summer he is spending a lot of time at the Beachwood Rec Center tennis courts, where he works, and on his time off practices with his teammates and kids from other schools. “I spend many hours practicing to improve,” said Landis. “I'm constantly working on my game. My forehand and serves are constant and powerful, but I need to improve my backhand and volleys.”



BHS tennis champ Landis Teren has scored impressive victories on the court this year.

of their hard work,” he said. “Landis has made a big footprint and set the stage for future Bison tennis players, and we hope that others within our schools and community will follow his lead.”

Advancing as far as he did this year has been a big morale boost for Landis. “It is amazing for me to think that I had made it so far – and to such a high level,” he said. “I'm very grateful for the support I have received from my parents, the Beachwood Boosters, the BHS athletic department, and all my coaches.”

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“It is amazing for me to think that I had made it so far – and to such a high level,” he said. “I'm very grateful for the support I have received from my parents, the Beachwood Boosters, the BHS athletic department, and all my coaches.”

Like all competitive athletes, Landis recognizes the importance of being mentally tough. “When I play, I block out all distractions,” he said. “My coach always emphasizes the need for intense concentration along with other essential skills including balance.”

Ryan said he is looking forward to seeing how well Landis does during his senior year at BHS. “It's always awesome to watch student athletes dedicate themselves to their sport and reap the rewards



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Rube Goldberg™: The World of Hilarious Invention!, created by the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh in partnership with the Heirs of Rube Goldberg, showcases Pulitzer Prize-winning humorist and inventor Rube Goldberg's iconic contraptions and celebrates his humorous storytelling and inventive cartoons. Upcoming programs are free with museum admission. Registration is required.

Storytime Stay and Play

Every Thursday through August 24 • 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy storytime and then explore this special exhibition, where kids can interact with Rube's collection of new 3D, life-size machines inspired by Rube's original illustrations and storytelling. Stories are about creativity, teamwork, and celebrating imagination.

In the Gallery: Show and Tell Ritual Objects

Friday, July 7 • 11:30 a.m.

Hear stories about our gallery objects and share stories about your heirlooms. Sean Martin, WRHS Associate Curator of Jewish History, will share his insights about Shabbat ritual objects. Bring in an object that has meaning to you to share with the group. All ritual objects will go home with the owner at the end of the program.

Get Crafty with Upcycle Parts Shop

Sunday, July 9 • 1:30 p.m.

Create your own Rube Goldberg inspired machine with the Maltz Museum and Upcycle Parts Shop. Be creative and, with your permission, have your Upcycle machine displayed at the Maltz Museum during the summer! After the program, enjoy crafts, explore the special exhibition, and interact with the special machines.

Movie Night: *Soup to Nuts*, *The Three Stooges Debut Film*

Wednesday, July 12 • 7 pm

Soup to Nuts is a 1930s American comedy film written by cartoonist, sculptor, author, and inventor Rube Goldberg.

It was the film debut of the original three members of The Three Stooges (Shemp Howard, Moe Howard, and Larry Fine). Length of the film is 70 minutes.

Creative Brain & Body Boosts Strong, Stable, and Steady (a chair yoga practice)

Friday, July 21 • 11 a.m.

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

Build Your Own Bot with The Great Lakes Science Center

Sunday, Aug. 6 • 1:30 p.m.

Build your own Jumping Jitterbug "bot" while exploring how circuits and electricity work together. After the program, enjoy crafts, explore the special exhibition, and interact with the special machines.

In the Gallery: Show and Tell Letters and Cards

Friday, Aug. 11 • 11:30 a.m.

Hear stories about letters and cards from Sean Martin, WRHS Associate Curator of Jewish History, and share stories about your letters and cards from loved ones. All cards and letters will go home with the owner at the end of the program.

Comic Relief, In Comfortable Shorts

Wednesday, Aug. 16 • 7 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 20 • 1 p.m.

Interplay Jewish Theatre, with Faye Sholiton, will present programs of "inventive," comedic short plays and monologues, reminding us that laughter is still the best medicine.

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Friday • July 7, August 11 • 11:30 am

MONTHLY FAMILY FUN

Sunday • July 9, August 6 • 1:30 pm

ALL ABOUT RUBE!

Wednesday • July 12, August 16 • 7 pm

CREATIVE BRAIN & BODY BOOSTS

Friday • July 21, August 18 • 11 am

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BHS Graduate Directs Shakespeare Festival

Jasmine Renee, Beachwood High School Class of 2016, first had her interest in theater sparked at Beachwood's Summer Theater Camp with director Jill Koslen-Freireich. From there, she continued studying acting with Sheila Heyman in high school and is an alum of the Academy for the Performing Arts Excel Tecc Program, run out of Chagrin Falls High School. Jasmine continued her studies at The New School University in NYC where her interests in all forms of theater and film expanded. She evolved from being an actor to being a multi-disciplinary artist. Nowadays you can catch her Shakespearean directorial debut with Cleveland Shakespeare Festival as she tackles gender roles, the spectrum of gender, and non-conformity with William Shakespeare's tragic comedy *Measure for Measure*.



Jasmine Renee

The Cleveland Shakespeare

Festival's mission is to further enrich Cleveland and its extended communities with the history, art, culture, and educational wonder of William Shakespeare through theatrical productions of Shakespeare's works, absolutely free to the public, which are accessibly produced with professional quality and the intention of inspiring audiences, both old and young, to enjoy, aspire, and develop in their culture, community, and collective humanity.



To help Cleveland Shakespeare Festival stay accessible to all Cleveland residents, you may donate at <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/clevshakes>. No amount is too small!

Shakespeare Festival Schedule

Shows run from July 21 through August 6.

For complete details, visit <https://www.clevelandshakespeare.org>.

Nearby show listings include:

July 21 • 7 p.m. Bentleyville Community Park 36020 Solon Rd., Bentleyville	July 30 • 4 p.m. Van Aken District 3441 Tuttle Rd. • Shaker Heights
July 23 • 4 p.m. Grove Amphitheatre 425 N. Commons Blvd. • Mayfield	August 4 • 7 p.m. Notre Dame College 4545 College Rd. • South Euclid

Free Music ...

Legacy Live, at Legacy Village, takes place every Saturday through September 16, from 5-8 p.m. All concerts take place at The Lawn, located between California Pizza Kitchen and Bar Louie. For complete details, visit <https://legacy-village.com/play/>.

SummerFEST takes place in the Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District in Cleveland Heights. All concerts will be held at the Pocket Park at The Ascent at Top of the Hill, a new green space located at the top of Cedar Hill between the new development and Nighttown, on Thursdays, July 20, July 27, August 10, and August 17. For details about concerts and more, visit <https://www.cedarfairmount.org/events/all/>.

BAC's New Community Project: A Free Little Art Gallery!



A Free Little Art Gallery (FLAG) is being installed this summer at the entrance to the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center.

What is a FLAG? It's a small art gallery located in a tiny house, similar to that of a Free Little Library, where anyone can contribute artwork to it and/or can take a piece home to keep.

What kind of artwork can you donate? You can contribute a tiny painting, a handmade bookmark, a painted rock, or anything in between. Children and adults can all be creative and can share their artwork with others.

Beachwood Arts Council members will initially stock the gallery to start a ripple effect around art that will enrich our community.

A rendition of *Starry Night*, by Van Gogh, will lead you into this gallery where you can enjoy art and hopefully be inspired to go home and create!



Watch for installation updates in next month's issue of *Beachwood Buzz*, at www.beachwoodartscouncil.org, and at Beachwood Arts Council on Facebook.

Beachwood Arts Council encourages you to make art, take art, and love art at its Free Little Art Gallery.



Beachwood Chamber of Commerce Programs

The Beachwood Chamber of Commerce invites you to become connected, engaged, and involved at the following programs:



Business After Five
Thursday, July 20 • 5-7 p.m.
Location TBA

Beachwood Chamber Information Lunch & Learn
Wednesday, Aug. 16 • 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
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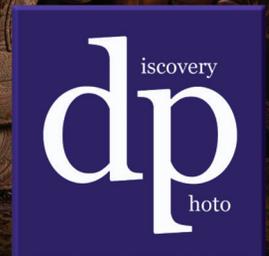
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Yarn Over Beachwood

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 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 lbertyclub@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

Come See Classmates!

Friday, Sept. 1 • 7 p.m.

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Reunion

Saturday, Sept. 2 • 6:30 p.m.

Elle Restaurant & Lounge • 3730 Bainbridge Rd. • Solon

Beachwood High School Tour

Saturday, Sept. 2 • 11 a.m.

Attention Classmates,

Please RSVP, volunteer to help, and join our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1300464553780191>. Questions? Contact Sunny Klein Lurie at sklurie@gmail.com.



Saturate the Beachwood market, advertise in *Beachwood Buzz!*

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 July 13 and July 27. You may join a one-hour session by visiting [meetup.com/find-your-voice-a-women-s-support-group/](https://www.meetup.com/find-your-voice-a-women-s-support-group/).

Programs at the Beachwood Library

Meet Author Claire McMillan:

Special Book Launch Event

Tuesday, July 11 • 7-8 p.m.

Enjoy this special book launch event with author Claire McMillan, celebrating the release of her new novel, *Alchemy of a Blackbird*. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/8187716>.

Through the Eyes of the Artist – Louis Comfort Tiffany

Friday, July 14 • 10-11 a.m.

Art historian Felician Zavarella Stadelman will present on artist Louis Comfort Tiffany. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/8130639>.

Knit and Lit

Monday, July 17 • 6:30-8 p.m.

Enjoy knitting and informal chats about what everyone is reading. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/7086113>.

Third Wednesday Book Discussion

Wednesday, July 19 • 2-3 p.m.

Enjoy a discussion of *True Biz*, by Sara Nović. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/8134059>.

Third Thursday Book Discussion

Thursday, July 20 • 2-3 p.m.

Enjoy a Zoom discussion of *True Biz*, by Sara Nović. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/8134290>.

Blood Drive

Friday, July 21 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

To register, please call 1.800.733.2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org).

Let's Jam – Adults

Monday, July 24 • 7-8 p.m.

Learn to make quick and simple strawberry jam. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/8072698>.

Book Discussion with Homa and Katie

Wednesday, July 26 • 7-8 p.m.

Enjoy a Zoom book discussion with on-air personalities Homa Bash and Katie McGraw, book TBD. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/7933393>.

Understanding Challenging Behaviors Beyond Normal Aging

Wednesday, August 2 • 2-3 p.m.

Gain understanding of difficult behaviors in our aging loved ones. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/8073269>.

Pals in Motion Fundraiser to Support People with Parkinson's Disease

The seventh annual Pals In Motion fundraiser to benefit InMotion will be held on Sunday, September 10, at Beachwood High School. The 2023 event is presented by The Allan Goldberg Family, and will include a 5K run/walk, 1-mile family walk, yoga session, obstacle course, and 100-yard dash relay.

Pals In Motion, which began in 2017, welcomes more than 1,000 participants annually. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors and donors, more than \$486,000 was raised at the 2022 event, a new fundraising record. Funds raised by Pals In Motion directly support InMotion's holistic wellness programs for people with Parkinson's disease. InMotion, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization offers programming free of charge to clients and their care partners.

Pals In Motion is also supported through in-kind donations from the following community partners who

help ensure a safe and fun event for everyone: The City of Beachwood, Beachwood City Schools, Beachwood Police Department, University Hospitals Emergency Medical Services, and the Cleveland Water Department.

"We are excited to host Pals In Motion again in Beachwood and we can't wait to see the stadium filled with the smiling faces of our walkers and runners," said InMotion CEO Cathe Schwartz. "Pals In Motion is our largest fundraiser of the year, and the funds we raise go directly to providing life-changing classes to our clients, all at no cost to them."

Registration for Pals In Motion is open now at www.palsinmotion.org. Community members are welcome to register and attend. Registration fees are \$30 for adults, and \$20 for children 13 and under. Registrants are encouraged to become fundraisers, and to share their pages with family and friends to support InMotion. Details about fundraising are provided on the event website.

About InMotion:

InMotion uses a community-based group approach to help people with Parkinson's disease (PD) feel better every



day. Through evidence-based exercise, arts, support, and education programs, we help clients take control of their symptoms and learn to live positively and constructively with their disease. Our findings show that, in aggregate, the clinical course of regular participants in our programs remains stable or improves. InMotion, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, serves approximately 1,000 active clients and their care partners at its facility in Beachwood. More information about InMotion, including how to become a client, is available at www.beinmotion.org.

Jewish Federation of Cleveland Announces First Round of Israel at 75 Microgrant Recipients

The Jewish Federation of Cleveland recently announced its first round Israel at 75 Microgrant recipients. Through this program, the Federation is funding a wide range of projects throughout the Cleveland Jewish community that are geared toward Israel programming as part of the organization's year-long Israel at 75 initiative.

"This first cohort of Israel at 75 Microgrant recipients showcase the creativity of our community as we look to commemorate Israel's milestone anniversary in unique and personalized ways," said Lynne Cohen, who serves as an Israel at 75 co-chair alongside James Ratner. "The Microgrant subcommittee

is honored to be able to select programs that are engaging, diverse, and will reach a significant number of Jewish Clevelanders."

- Microgrant recipients:
- **Mandel JCC Foodscapes:** An immersive outdoor art installation that connects Clevelanders to the land of Israel through a multi-sensory experience.
 - **Mandel JCC Film Fest:** An Evening of Israeli Short Films. Films will also be available to stream online during the Mandel JCC film festival.
 - **JFSA Horvitz YouthAbility:** Impact Israel Art Therapy

Program and culminating Art Show.

- **Rekindle and Project Shema:** A Washington D.C. trip in May 2024 for Rekindle alumni and teenagers from the Black/Jewish Alliance at Cleveland Heights High School to visit the Israeli Embassy and learn together in greater depth about the relationship to Israel for Jewish and Black members of Cleveland.
- **Hillel at Kent State:** Shuk on the K, a large, outdoor tabling program to engage college students with Israel, and featuring Artists 4 Israel, an

arts organization specializing in large art projects to engage college students.

- **B'nai Jeshurun Congregation:** A concert for Yom Ha'atzmaut featuring Rami Feinstein and Cantor Alyssa Rosenbaum.
- **B'nai Akiva:** A Yom Yerushalayim Day celebration for the holiday.

For more information about Israel at 75 Microgrants, visit www.jewishcleveland.org/israel75 or contact Jaclyn Szaruga at jszaruga@jewishcleveland.org.

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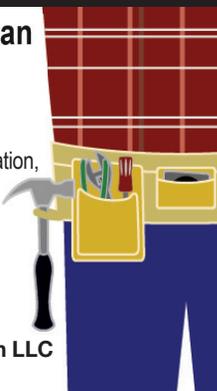
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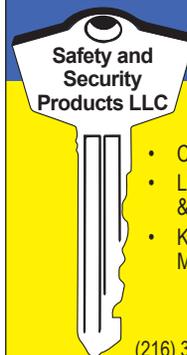
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July StoryWalk®

The July StoryWalk® is *Khalil and Mr. Hagerty and the Backyard Treasures*, written by Tricia Springstubb and illustrated by Elaheh Taherian.

Khalil lives in the upstairs apartment with his family, which is big and busy and noisy. Downstairs lives Mr. Hagerty, who is quiet. Khalil and Mr. Hagerty don't appear to have a lot in common, but hot summer days have a way of bringing people together. As Khalil looks for buried treasure in the yard, Mr. Hagerty tends to his garden. Both help each other navigate language – whether it be learning new words or remembering those

seemingly forgotten. Before long, an unlikely friendship is born, full of treasure, thoughtfulness, and chocolate cake.



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.

Storytimes

Summer Storytimes at the Beachwood Library run through July. Check out the full schedule at <https://cuyahogalibrary.org>.

- Family Storytime** – Birth-8 years
Mondays, 6:30-7 p.m.
- Baby & Me Storytime** – Birth-18 months
Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m.
- Toddler/Preschool Storytime**
19 months - 5 years • Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m.
- Zoom Virtual Storytime** – Birth-8 years
Thursdays, 6:45-7:15 p.m.

Family Upcycle Night at the Beachwood Library

Wednesday, July 12 • 6:30-8 p.m.

Join us for a family evening of creativity and sustainability as we use upcycled items such as cardboard, yarn, old greeting cards, and more to make new art.



- Summer Fun for Everyone** – Grades 1-6
Every Tuesday and Thursday in July • 2 p.m.
Drop in for reading, art, science, technology, engineering and math challenges. No registration required.
- No-Sew Tie Quilts** – Grades 2-5
Monday, July 13 • 3-4 p.m.
Learn how to make fleece hand-tied blankets. Registration required.

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