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# Letter from THE EDITOR

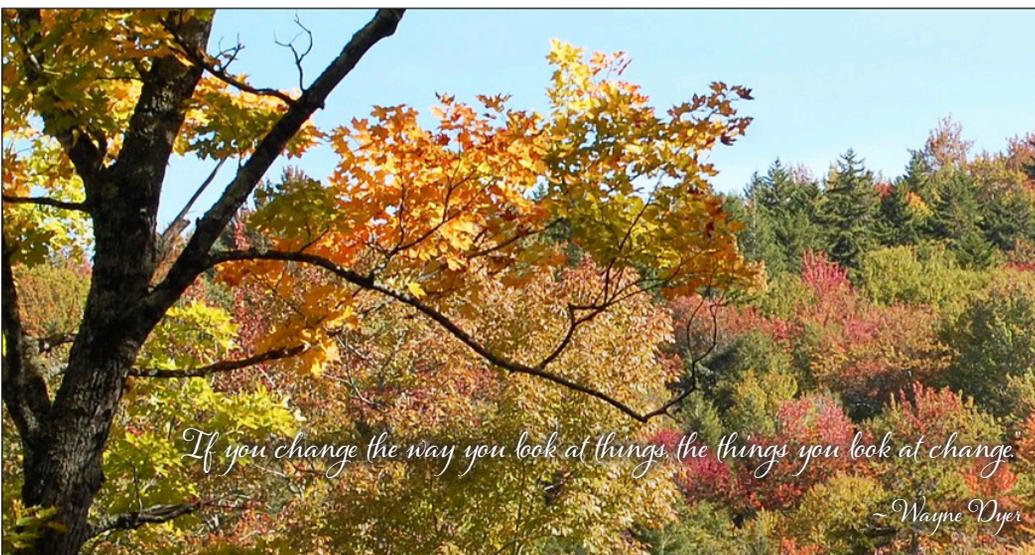
By Debby Zelman Rapoport



October marks the 27th anniversary of *Beachwood Buzz*, a milestone for which I am grateful. It's hard to believe that 27 years have passed since our first issue in October 1996. I thank each of you for its success. I'm grateful for continued support from the city, schools, advertisers, contributors, readers, and those who work with me on a day-in, day-out basis (see page 5). Producing each issue is a team effort and I credit everyone involved.

In honor of 27 years, I share 27 matter-of-fact messages, some of which I pulled from my sister's *I Believe* list. Darcy (Alter) lost her battle to cancer in November 2015 and her memory lives on. I will again share her list in its entirety next month.

- Be kind.
- Nothing ventured, nothing gained.
- Believe in yourself and let your ideas come to life.
- The happiness in your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.
- Surround yourself with people who support you and your beliefs.
- Education is a lifelong process.
- Do something everyday to scare your soul. (*Thank you, Scott Simon!*)
- Focus on solutions, not problems – how things *can* be done, not why they can't.
- Don't let someone else hold your key to your happiness.
- Be transparent when communicating, and when you make mistakes, own them.
- Regrets are often for things we didn't try.
- The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything they have.
- It isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes we have to forgive ourselves.
- Failures are stepping stones that lead to success.
- Help, be there, and encourage when you can. A happy life comes from giving more than you take.
- Laugh when you can, apologize when you should, and let go of what you can't change.
- You can't pour from an empty cup. Take care of yourself first.
- The greater the challenge, the sweeter the victory.
- Don't make a permanent decision from a temporary emotion.
- Luck is where preparedness meets opportunity.
- You can always change your plan, but only if you have one.
- Create your own success story.
- Believe in your dreams and be the *best* at whatever you choose to be.
- Take time to see the beauty that surrounds you.
- Breathe.
- Always take time for those who are important and always leave loved ones with loving words.
- Make the most of today. Tomorrow is guaranteed to no one.



*"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change."*

*- Wayne Dyer*

Again, thank you for your continued support. This magazine was designed as a voice for Beachwood, about Beachwood, by Beachwood.

If you have something you'd like to share, please reach out, we'd love to hear from you!

Wishing you a colorful, safe month filled with all that brings you joy.

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## 2023 ELECTION: Meet Our Local Candidates



This month's cover story consists of editorial content from Beachwood City Council and School Board candidates. Beachwood Buzz provided an equal forum for each candidate to provide editorial content. It is our responsibility to make educated choices when going to the polls. Please do your part and vote on Tuesday, November 7.

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Nominees must exemplify leadership, service, humanitarianism, creativity, courage, and/or career contributions that have benefited others.

Nomination packets are due Friday, November 10, 2023. The induction ceremony will take place Friday, April 19, 2024.

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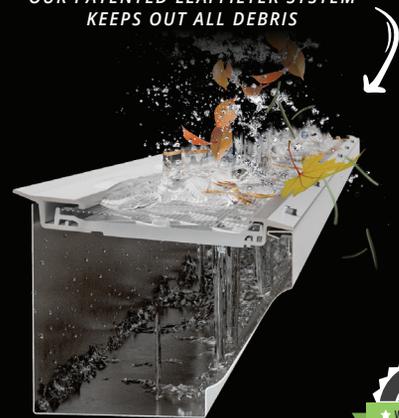
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City Council candidates are first presented in alphabetical order, followed by School Board candidates, also listed alphabetically.

Positioning of each candidate's picture and statement is determined by the page layout and should not be construed as editorializing.

**It is our responsibility to make educated choices when going to the polls.  
Do your part and vote on Tuesday, November 7.**

**Every vote counts.**

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CITY COUNCIL  
**MIKE BURKONS**



I love Beachwood. Always have. It's why my wife and I moved here with our family in 2012. More important than loving Beachwood, **I believe in the future of Beachwood.**

I have been paying attention to city finances as long as I have lived here. While I know I am an outlier in this regard, I think everyone should. When I first started speaking out on what I believed was fiscal irresponsibility, I stood alone. I was asked again and again, "**How dare you question?**" And then my statements about the new fire station became reality as the project ballooned to \$14 million, double what City Council wanted to spend. There were still some who called me crazy.

After years of pointing out similar issues, I ran for City Council in 2017. Although unsuccessful, I was reassured I wasn't standing alone – at least 1,000 of you stood with me. I continued to press on with you by my side, despite pushback from the insiders. In 2019, I had enough support to receive the second most votes and I was honored **to be elected as your City Council member.**

I've lived up to my promise to be independent, speaking for the silent majority, and regardless of your political affiliation or if you put my sign in your yard, fighting for your best interests and those of the city.

My first two years saw me on the losing side of a few 6-1 votes relating to the overspending of the city on projects. **Let me be clear, I'm not against projects or spending. I'm against overspending on projects. We all should be.** And this council/administration has been overspending on projects for years.

Not all is lost. I have found myself on the losing side of 4-3 votes recently. We are not alone. We are getting closer, but aren't yet where we need to be.

This is why I am again asking for your vote. I also ask that you vote for Howard Darvin, Karen Tindel, and Matt Hildebrand. Separately, we each

bring something unique and important. Together, we will ensure responsible development and spending that will allow our city's continued success for generations to come.

I cannot thank you enough for your support and believing in me.

– Mike Burkons

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CITY COUNCIL  
**HOWARD DARVIN**



I started my surgical practice in Beachwood in 1991 and recently fully retired. Subsequently, our family moved into the community, lured by the location, excellent schools, city services and amenities: the so-called Beachwood magnetic pull of schools, pools, and shuls. We were very happy to celebrate our 25th anniversary as residents of our wonderful city this summer.

Several months ago, City Council voted to reduce a portion of our real estate taxes to temper the financial impact of the tax increase caused by the recently approved school bond levy. This tax cut is set to expire in three years unless City Council renews it. I am one of four like-minded candidates, along

with **Karen Tindel, Matthew Hildebrand, and Mike Burkons**, who propose a permanent tax cut.

I embrace sensible spending and competitive bidding. I will provide Beachwood residents with amenities we all desire, purchased intelligently. For example, let's examine my concerns about the playground project adjacent to the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center. It was conceived without providing a budget or direction to the design firms other than "wow us." Consequently, its estimated \$3,500,000 cost dwarfs the most expensive playground in Cuyahoga County history, the similarly equipped \$1,000,000 Westlake playground, which was completed last year.

My life as a vascular surgeon, managing partner, assistant clinical professor, division and departmental chairperson, board member of both nonprofit and for-profit institutions, entrepreneur, spouse, father, and recently grandfather has taught me much: How to communicate, collaborate, delegate, negotiate, take responsibility, budget, prioritize, lead, plan, empathize, and love.

Beachwood's success as a city is the result of the planning, foresight, collaboration, and execution of the vision of a group of city leaders dating back over five decades. Working together with residents, issues of rezoning, deed

restrictions, land acquisition, and infrastructure improvement were settled, giving us the incomparable community we now enjoy.

Recently, I have not seen from our government adequate planning, foresight, collaboration, and execution that form bonds, making a great city a magnificent community. Transparency, thoughtfulness, integrity, leadership, and the ability to listen and seek the opinions of others are competencies I possess to recreate those bonds.

I have the time, I have the experience, I have passion. **Let's build a better Beachwood together.** Humbly, I ask you to vote for me, **Howard Darvin.**



CITY COUNCIL  
**JILLIAN DeLONG**



I am prepared to bring my proven leadership to Beachwood City Council. The work I have done on the School Board and in my professional career truly represents what is possible when collaboration, transparency, and success drives decisions.

In my professional career, I oversee funds at Cuyahoga Community College which aligns extremely well with City Council's role as a fiscal steward. In my day job, it is absolutely necessary to review the policies of how a project will be funded so that fiscal responsibility is embedded into the process from the beginning. Being a steward of public money is not just

about saving money, it is about spending money in a responsible way that aligns with established, short- and long-term goals.

In my current role on School Board, I prioritized seeking and including community input in hiring two elementary school principals (2022), hiring a district treasurer (2023), and developing a plan for updating the elementary schools for the next generation. All the projects above are examples of my commitment to listening, welcoming community feedback, and using that feedback to make positive decisions for all of our residents.

**I believe that a community leader is a champion for the city and demonstrates a willingness to work collaboratively to serve in the community's best interest.**

As a leader, it is vital that there is a good working relationship within the council and with the administration. I have met with dozens of city directors and leaders, and listened to hundreds of residents. I know the importance of building and fostering positive relationships and what it means to work together to achieve results. It does not mean we will always agree; it means we always listen to each other and then reach a consensus to move forward.

I am honored to be making history by being on the first all-female slate with Danielle Shoykhet, June Taylor, and Ali Stern. Our commitment to fact-based, data-driven information is the foundation of our all-female slate for Beachwood City Council. This commitment defines how we communicate with residents and local businesses, informs our decision-making policies, and determines how we will hold our administration accountable.

I am ready and excited to transition my proven leadership to City Council.

Sincerely,  
Jillian DeLong



CITY COUNCIL  
**MATT HILDEBRAND**



I'm Matt Hildebrand, and I'm running for Beachwood City Council. Our family moved to Beachwood for the amazing city amenities and the thriving modern Orthodox Jewish community.

Since January 2022, I've attended virtually every City Council meeting and many committee meetings. This has provided a bird's-eye view of what is working in city government, what is not working, and what needs to be urgently addressed to make Beachwood even better for everyone.

**I'm one of four like-minded candidates whose platform emphasizes sensible spending and addresses real city issues.** I invite you to visit our website at

[www.4forbeachwoodcitycouncil.com](http://www.4forbeachwoodcitycouncil.com) to read more about who we are and the issues we care about.

Our city's engineering design contracts are a pressing issue. **The only person in the city who has the background to determine if the contract is appropriate is the same person who has a financial interest in the most expensive design.** If I'm elected, the first order of business must be a revision to how the city awards these engineering contracts. University Heights and Shaker Heights have implemented a strategy that can be adopted by Beachwood. Engineering design contracts up to \$25,000 (the mayor's spending limit) can be authorized by the administration. Engineering design contracts from \$25,001-

\$50,000 must be approved by City Council. Engineering design contracts over \$50,000 would require a formal competitive process. Competition is important as it allows for different designs to be considered while encouraging sensible spending. This is the right thing to do.

I hope that one of the positive things to come from my campaign is a realization that the city's priorities are out of alignment with their residents. By listening to our community, residents would have preferred basketball courts before an underutilized outdoor fitness court while **prioritizing safety concerns such as appropriately lit side streets before committing to a \$3.5 million playground project.**

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Beachwood does a lot of things really well, but we can't pretend that all is perfect. I'm asking for your vote, as well as votes for Mike Burkons, Howard Darwin, and Karen Tindel. With your support, we will maintain our amazing city amenities while returning to sensible spending in Beachwood. Email us at [4forBeachwood@gmail.com](mailto:4forBeachwood@gmail.com) with your questions/comments.



CITY COUNCIL

# DANIELLE SHOYKHET



As a third generation Beachwood resident, it is an honor and privilege to serve my community on Beachwood City Council. Since my appointment in February 2022, I have had the opportunity to learn how city government operates and how decisions are made. It has been a humbling experience understanding firsthand how all departments can work collectively for the greater good of Beachwood.

My husband, Jeff, and I have chosen to call Beachwood home, where we are raising our two children, Wesley (6) and Chandler (2.5). It is deeply important to me that Beachwood continues to remain a community of choice for

our residents, businesses, and employees. Having a direct, positive impact on our city, as well as setting a leadership example for my children and all of Beachwood's voters, is what motivates me.

Professionally, I bring a corporate background as an American Express business executive. This helps me to understand the challenges facing our city and how to best address them in a comprehensive manner. My experience advocating for businesses, from startups to publicly traded companies, brings a unique perspective helping to reach Beachwood's economic development goals.

Safety is also of paramount concern, and I wholeheartedly

support our safety forces. I have worked hard to ensure we provide them with the tools and resources necessary to keep Beachwood safe. I would like to highlight that during my time in office, I have implemented a crosswalk at Bryden Elementary School and established signage to deter truck traffic. Currently, I am advocating to create a residential exterior lighting ordinance, supporting the re-implementation of operable tornado sirens, and creating urgency around the city's approach for a streetlight and sidewalk policy.

Notably, I have decided to align myself with three other very experienced, positive, and collaborative female candidates:

June Taylor, Jillian DeLong, and Ali Stern. Together, we have combined strengths and a shared vision for our city.

I am proudly endorsed by State Senator Kent Smith, State Representative Elliot Forhan, County Councilwoman Sunny Simon, Former County Executive Armond Budish, Mayor of Beachwood Justin Berns, The Beachwood Democratic Ward Club, The Matriots, Ohio Environmental Council, Cuyahoga Democratic Women's Caucus, and several unions.

**With your vote on November 7, I will continue to make Beachwood a community of choice for our residents, businesses, and employees.**



CITY COUNCIL

# ALI STERN



While this is my first time seeking public office, I have a long history of community organizing and activism. I volunteer with Mobilize the Vote Northeast Ohio and provide voter education and voter training to local residents. I serve on the board of two synagogues and have co-chaired numerous committees through the Jewish Federation of Cleveland. I am also an alumna of the Rekindle Fellowship, which brings together leaders from Cleveland's Black and Jewish communities for relationship-building. In 2020, I was honored to receive the *Cleveland Jewish News* 18 Difference Makers Award in recognition of my service to the community.

During my day job, I am a grant writer for one of the largest international Jewish organizations with over a decade of experience answering "Why?" Every day, I look at ambitious projects and seek to answer: *Why is there a need for this initiative? Why is funding being allocated to this project? Why does this matter?* This "why-based" approach is needed on Beachwood City Council.

I am running for Beachwood City Council because I would like to improve the way our administration communicates with residents and the greater community through town halls and text messaging services, and by providing timely and thorough responses to questions

raised by our residents. There also needs to be an updated strategic plan that reflects our post-COVID reality and articulates where the city stands on providing amenities that the community desires.

**I believe that City Council members should set the standard in our community, demonstrating the integrity, responsibility, and accountability we demand from our civic leaders.** I am honored to run alongside Danielle Shoykhet, Jillian DeLong, and June Taylor for Beachwood City Council. Our commitment to fact-based, data-driven information defines how we communicate with residents

and local businesses, informs our decision-making policies, and determines how we will hold our administration accountable.

I am proud to be endorsed by the Cuyahoga Democratic Women's Council, Beachwood Democratic Ward Club, the Cleveland Building & Construction Trades Council, and Laborers Local 860 Cleveland. However, my greatest endorsements come from my neighbors, friends, and family members, including my husband (Dr. Noam Stern) and my two sons (ages 4 and 8) who have been incredibly supportive throughout my campaign.

I hope to earn your vote this November 7th.



CITY COUNCIL  
**JUNE TAYLOR**



To the residents of Beachwood,

I respectfully ask you to re-elect me to Beachwood City Council on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

My commitment is to continue representing you, listening to your concerns, protecting our financial resources (\$55 million), and helping our families to continue to thrive.

Examples of accomplishments since I've been serving our community include:

- Focusing on safety at the mall
- Attracting companies (such as GE Current) to keep city revenue high and taxes low
- Establishing the community gardens

- Prioritizing the First Amendment and sensible spending.

If re-elected, my additional priorities will be:

- Deploying state-of-the-art safety and surveillance technology throughout Beachwood to keep all of us safe
- Creating the region's leading economic incentives to upgrade commercial real estate options, as well as new housing solutions for seniors and businesses needing employees
- Expanding transportation and supportive services for seniors and citizens in need.

- Working with Beachwood area businesses to support our youth having positive outlet options after 4 pm.

I will continue to fight for the City of Beachwood. I will continue to fight for our community, and for you.

I'm proud to have aligned myself with three exceptional candidates who share my vision to best serve our community: Jillian DeLong, Danielle Shoykhet, and Ali Stern. We each bring unique skills that will strengthen City Council as a whole.

Last month, as part of our campaign strategy, we held a Cones and Conversation event to get to know more

residents. Our next one will take place at Mitchell's Ice Cream, Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7-8:30 pm., and we invite you to join us. The first 15 attendees receive free Mitchell's scoops!

– June E. Taylor

**Cones and Conversations**  
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7-8:30 pm

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CITY COUNCIL  
**KAREN TINDEL**



I am Karen Tindel, a proud Beachwood resident of 25 years. Our family chose Beachwood for the outstanding schools, abundant diversity, low taxes, and best-in-class city services. Having experienced the incredible benefits of living in Beachwood, I am also aware of instances when residents' **voices go unheard**.

With an MBA and over 30 years of financial leadership in healthcare and nonprofits, I will lend my expertise and collaborate with others ensuring **sensible spending** on projects and develop comprehensive budgets and updated master plans. We may be able to reduce

costs by using competitive bidding practices and provide opportunities for minorities and women-owned businesses to earn contracts with our city.

Residents are asking for increased safety and security, sidewalks, and energy efficient lighting. It is not the priority of the current City Council who are busy allocating resources on a \$3.5-million playground and moving around the community garden boxes! **Voices going unheard!**

I have been vocal in my opposition to the Chagrin Boulevard I-271 Corridor Project, which would adversely impact over 200 families and potentially cost the city millions of dollars.

The project's intention is to mitigate a traffic problem that is nonexistent other than during peak rush hour. This project was considered in 2017 and 2019 and did not move forward because of overwhelming resident feedback. It was resurrected in 2022 and City Council passed it 6-1, despite strong opposition. The project has a potential budget of \$20 million. **Voices going unheard!**

Without a master plan guiding the city how best to use our limited space, we cannot execute projects within reasonable budgets. The pickleball courts project is an example of a highly desirable project with initial cost

estimates around \$500,000. Council expanded the project by a vote of 6-1 increasing the projected cost to \$1.7 million without significant value added, delaying the opening almost a full season.

In the past year, our city has approved a tremendous amount on engineering fees, legal fees, and embarrassing lawsuit settlements. For this to end, we must elect council members who are independent, critical thinkers such as Howard Darvin, Matt Hildebrand, Mike Burkons, and myself. If elected, we will be **your voice** and work tirelessly towards responsible governance, for the betterment of our city.



SCHOOL BOARD

# JULIE BROUGH



I am excited to share why I am running for a seat on the Beachwood Board of Education. My love for the City of Beachwood and Beachwood Schools goes back to 2013 when I became a school employee. That experience led me to move my two sons (grades 5 and 8) to the school system four years ago. Their experiences furthered my love for the schools and all they offer.

During my eight years of employment in our schools, I gained insight into the district that can help me identify the needs of the community. As a School Board member, I will use this insight to build a stronger bond between the schools and our district's families.

I have developed strong relationships with district families, teachers, support staff, and administration. **My family is committed to Beachwood and I intend for my children to remain Bison through graduation.**

My goal for the district is simple. It's a collaborative motto. I want to encourage strong leadership that values and supports the educators entrusted to educate our children. This starts and ends with communication, a strategic plan, transparency, and accountability. **Our children's successes are a direct reflection of our leaders.**

The Beachwood School District needs a 1-, 3-, 5-, and 10-year strategic plan. Currently, we do

not have a strategic plan in place. The focus of a strategic plan will include empowerment and stronger communication with our staff, hiring and retention of teachers, and career-based electives to support a well-rounded student. Additionally, it is important to establish long-term financial goals as they relate to our current and future expenditures, investments, and improvements to our buildings. We will be transparent and forthright with all of our community members, even those whose children do not attend our Beachwood City Schools.

I am a strategic leader who will actively listen, analyze, and make an informed decision in the best interest of children. I am

a strong, committed, and tireless leader who cares about people. I love children, the Beachwood community, and our schools.

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I am honored to run for the Beachwood School Board with my friend, Jen Ferns. We share a common vision for the continued success of our schools, and we want what is best for our children and the entire staff. **Jen and I look forward to your vote on November 7, 2023.**



SCHOOL BOARD

# JOSEPHINE CHAN



**It has been an honor serving on the Beachwood School Board since being appointed two years ago.** During this time, I have gained valuable experience on how to be an effective School Board member, engaged with the community, and accomplished a lot for our district.

My family and I moved to Beachwood 10 years ago because of the excellent schools. It has been remarkable to see how my two children (ages 10 and 14) have been cared for and grown over the years because of our district's extensive programs, resources, and our amazing teachers and staff.

With over 15 years of healthcare experience, I understand each patient

has different needs and that how we approach their care is unique to them. Similarly, **I believe that we need to address the emotional, social, and academic needs for each of our students to ensure they can thrive and reach their full potential.**

I am a servant leader who actively listens, collaborates with others, and always looks for mentoring opportunities. As a trained scientist, I approach problems through observation, collection of data, asking tough questions, and delivering results. These skills have been invaluable as a board member.

Over the years, my engagement with the schools has continued to grow, from

timidly volunteering as a room parent to actively coaching my kids' Destination Imagination teams. I also served as a member of the Parent Equity and Engagement Team which contributes to the district's effort to promote equity and inclusion. **As a first-generation Asian American, I can provide a different perspective as I know how difficult it can be to fit in both culturally and socially.**

- I am committed to:
- **Student Achievement** – Ensuring students are receiving the resources, recognition, and support they need to succeed.
  - **Safety** – Helping to build and provide a safe

environment for our kids to grow.

- **Building Connections** – Continuing to improve communication between families and the schools.
- **Intercultural Awareness** – Celebrating our diversity and continuing to develop and maintain an inclusive curriculum that remains respectful of differences.

I am excited to be running my campaign with School Board president, Megan Walsh. We hope to earn your vote on November 7th because of our experience and proven leadership. We want to continue to serve you and our district.



## SCHOOL BOARD **JEN FERNS**



Dear Beachwood Community,

I am so excited to be running for Beachwood School Board during the 2023 campaign season. I am a lifelong Beachwood resident and a graduate of Beachwood High School, class of 2002. Today, my three children, Ryan, Madison, and Landon, attend the Beachwood Schools and are in grades 2, 5, and 7.

For most of my life, I have been a business woman, working on many boards, handling large amounts of money, and reading and negotiating contracts. While working at Joshen, I utilized leadership skills by managing a department of 12 people and

an inventory of \$350 million across 10 different divisions. I worked with multiple general managers daily to ensure on time deliveries of products into the buildings. I negotiated with over 100 manufacturers to make sure that we were receiving the best possible pricing and rebates.

For the past three years, I took all of my business skills and have applied them to making clients' dreams come true by remodeling their homes. This has been a passion of mine for over 15 years and I have remodeled many residential properties during this time. This skill set will be an asset to the Beachwood Board of Education for the

next few years since we are knocking down and rebuilding our two elementary schools.

During the past five years, I have had the pleasure of working on the Beachwood Schools PTO. I started off as vice president and I have now been president for the past two years. This opportunity has allowed me to be in the buildings and build relationships with students and staff. It has helped me gain inside knowledge and to know what needs to be addressed as a future School Board member.

I am delighted to be supported by my friend, Julie Brough, who is running alongside me. Julie has inside knowledge by having worked

in the Beachwood district for eight years. Together, we bring a lot of years of experience, and support to all students and staff in our community. Julie and I look forward to your vote on November 7, 2023.

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## SCHOOL BOARD **MEGAN WALSH**



Dear Beachwood Friends and Neighbors,

As a School Board member since January 2019 and School Board president since January 2022, I am motivated to continue to serve our community while prioritizing the district's areas of focus: academic achievement, intercultural awareness, and mental wellness.

These areas of focus align perfectly with my professional experiences and passions. I am a social worker with nearly 20 years of experience in community, home, and school settings. For 10 years, I provided direct service to adolescents and their families. For eight years,

as the deputy project director of the Cleveland Department of Public Health's MomsFirst Project, I engaged in efforts to create systemic change to address racial health disparities. My current role as program manager for diversity, equity and inclusion in education at the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine allows me to connect to the work of creating a welcoming environment for the doctors of tomorrow. These experiences translate directly to supporting the education, inclusion, and emotional well-being of our school district's students.

My family moved to Beachwood over 10 years ago for the excellent school

district and because of the diverse community. Through the years, our sons' teachers have gotten to know the essence of who they are and have been responsive to their academic and emotional needs. I am committed to nurturing that culture of inclusion and academic excellence for every family in our schools.

During my tenure on the Board of Education, I have collaborated with my colleagues to increase community and stakeholder input as evidenced by the processes used to create the elementary facilities master plan, which earned Beachwood voter approval earlier this year. I am immensely proud of the creation of family affinity

groups which have provided the opportunity for families to connect with one another, connect with the community to share their culture and traditions, and connect with district administrators and the board to communicate their experiences and suggestions. Trust and relationships are woven into all of my efforts and are essential to supporting the success of our schools.

By November 7, I hope my board colleague, Dr. Josephine Chan, and I earn your vote. We are dedicated leaders with a proven track record serving the Beachwood City School District.

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# Papa's Path Raises Awareness for Parkinson's

More than half a century ago, maxillofacial surgeon Charles "Chuck" A. Babbush, DDS, MScD, helped popularize the use of dental implants and successfully completed cases that were thought to be beyond repair. His goal was to remind his patients of their worth and build their confidence to smile again.

Upon noticing a minor tremor in his right arm, Chuck was initially diagnosed with essential tremors. This news did not diminish his drive or his need to continue to help others.

As his symptoms worsened, he made the difficult decision to retire from the work he loved so much. Over time, his tremors dissipated, but the dyskinesia (involuntary muscle movements) increased with what was then diagnosed as Parkinson's disease. When his care team suggested an evaluation for deep brain stimulation (DBS) surgery, he became hopeful, only to be denied the opportunity. Chuck then pursued a second opinion at University Hospitals, where he received approval to proceed with the surgery.

In Chuck's kind, optimistic fashion, he chose to document his recovery journey and share it with others to provide hope for those who had been diagnosed with Parkinson's.

"The feelings of being healthier and able to fend for myself were key aspects of this whole disease process and treatment," Chuck said. "UH really went out on a limb to do something for people with Parkinson's."

Inspired by his much improved post-operation condition, Chuck and his wife, Sandy, established the Babbush Family Fund for Parkinson's Education, Research, and Innovation at University Hospitals.

"In addition to standard and revolutionary treatments, there are simple ways to help," Chuck explained. "Quotidian tasks like tying shoelaces can be daunting, so I've been on the lookout for products to amplify extremity strength and fine-tune motor skills. With the support of our family fund, I'd like to create a 'Parkinson's starter kit' that patients will receive upon diagnosis. Each kit will contain tools that will maintain skills and improve quality of life."

Chuck and his family are working with Camilla Kilbane, M.D., director of the Parkinson's and Movement Disorder Center at UH, to survey the Parkinson's patient population about what tools they need to aid in living well. With support from UH Ventures, the hospital system's healthcare innovation and commercialization platform, the team hopes to refine and commercialize the items included in the kit, offer it to Parkinson's patients, and market it for widespread adoption.

The Babbush Family Fund will also launch promising clinical research projects and support training and education opportunities for neurology residents, fellows, and faculty.

Chuck emphasized that while UH provided quality care, he credits his family with getting him through the most difficult parts of his journey.

"All of my children and their families are beautiful – inside and out," he said. "And then there is Sandy, my most important caregiver who helps me around the clock and shares my passion for finding ways to better treat Parkinson's disease."

In addition to the fund, the Babbush family children have developed [www.papaspath.org](http://www.papaspath.org) to raise awareness by telling their father's story. Papa's Path documents Chuck's journey and his creative processes, and provides information and opportunities for people to support the Babbush fund. Chuck, who formerly enjoyed painting as a respite from the demands of his surgical practice, returned to his art as a therapeutic outlet when he was no longer physically able to work. These colorful paintings inspired the design for Papa's Path logo, created by Hannah Frayman, Beachwood High School, class of 2015.

Along with the new website, designed and developed by Sheila Goldman Margolis, BHS, class of 1988, the family has already planned their first event, a 24-hour walk (the brainchild of Jeff Babbush, Chuck's oldest son). Having lived through the dramatic progression of Chuck's Parkinson's symptoms and the non-stop movement of his dyskinesia, his children wanted to replicate the constant motion by walking for 24 hours. "We welcome family and friends to join us for one hour, for all 24 hours or anything in between. And make sure you meet us at Ahuja Medical Center for our celebration event on Sunday morning when Papa ceremoniously crosses the finish line," said David Babbush, Chuck's youngest son.

"We organized this walk to raise awareness and funds, and to honor our hero, our determined to never-give-up role model, our dad," said Chuck's daughter, Amy Babbush Eisenberg. "This event is all about coming together as a community to support a cause



Chuck, with one of his pre-Parkinson's paintings.

that truly matters. We have intentionally decided not to charge a registration fee for this event, making it accessible to all. Instead, we kindly ask participants to consider making a contribution toward our cause. Your generous donations will make a real difference for those living with Parkinson's disease."

To register, learn more or make a donation, visit [www.papaspath.org](http://www.papaspath.org).

**PAPA'S  
PATH**  
Our journey with Parkinson's

Papa's Path was created by the Babbush family children, Jeff Babbush and Jodi Mack, Amy and Steve Eisenberg, David and Debbie Babbush, and David and Kim Strong.

## Walk for 24 Hours

**Saturday, Oct. 7, 9 am  
through  
Sunday, Oct. 8, 9 am**

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- We will then move to the Beachwood High School track (at dusk)
- End at UH Ahuja Medical Center (Sunday morning), for our celebration



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# Pickle for Pink

The second annual Pickle for Pink will take place Tuesday, Oct. 10, 4-8 pm, at Beechmont Country Club. Hallie Abramson created this event in honor of her mother, Laura Jaye. Proceeds will benefit the JD Breast Cancer Foundation.

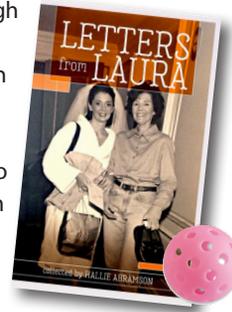
All pickleball players are invited to participate in a round-robin tournament. Registration is \$100 per player. If you cannot play, you may donate to this amazing cause.

Hallie has been creating fundraisers in her mom's memory for the past 22 years, since she lost her life to breast cancer. This year, she chose to benefit and raise

awareness of JD Breast Cancer Foundation because its mission to help an underprivileged population aligns with her mom's belief system.

Hallie is also working on a book, *Letters from Laura*, expected to be published in 2024. The book documents letters written back and forth between Hallie and her

mom through her mom's lifetime, with messages that inspire. Her goal is to help women work through loss.



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## About JD Brease Cancer Foundation

The JD Breast Cancer Foundation was named to honor Jacqueline Dobransky, a vibrant young woman who was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 33 and who passed away just one short year later in 1998. During her illness, Jacqueline unsuccessfully sought resources and support that could help her

both cope with her illness and make decisions unique to those in her age group with this disease. In her memory, Jacqueline's family and friends started the JD Breast Cancer Foundation with the goal of providing resources to younger women in Northern Ohio undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

In order to best serve the Northeast Ohio community, the JD Breast Cancer Foundation has adapted over the past 20 years as community needs have changed and other great organizations have thrived. The Foundation currently focuses on providing short-term financial assistance to qualified



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The mission of the Boosters is to promote the growth and success of Beachwood's athletics programs and student athletes, while encouraging school and community spirit.

"The Boosters really need community support to be successful. This year, since high school sports admission prices have increased – with another increase coming next season – it only makes sense to become a member and get in free," said Sam Malek, president. "We have a very

special group of parents that I'm proud to work with. We give a lot of our time to raise money and support Beachwood athletics, but it's a total community effort in the end."

Please visit [www.beachwoodschoools.org/Tickets.aspx](http://www.beachwoodschoools.org/Tickets.aspx) or scan the above code to support Boosters.

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# To Be Remembered for Kindness

By Jen Stern

Whether or not Jimmy Buffet's music is included on your playlist, there is a lot to learn from how he lived his life: how to be a light in this world through genuine kindness and joy.

His music, introduced to me while in college in Cincinnati, made the coldest days feel like summertime. Although I never went to a show, nor became a Parrothead, *Come Monday* is on my playlist.

Far and wide tributes reflected how Jimmy made others feel seen, relaxed, happy – like all was right with the world. His gifts were his authentic warmth, compassion, and joy. He made countless people feel like family, like old and cherished friends.

Jimmy loved life: Music, ocean waves, sailing, making others feel good. His impact, rooted in joy, is immense.

Whether planned or coincidence, every time I ran into Jimmy it was like seeing an old friend. He was brilliant, and a genuinely good and generous man. We didn't know each other that well. We weren't old friends, but that's how I felt around him.  
– *Dave Matthews*

He was as he always was – a bright light! With a wonderful sense of humor and always so warm. I will miss knowing he is on the planet. He is up there sailing the bright blue Caribbean!"  
– *Sheryl Crow*

He told me life was too short not to take every good opportunity that came along and go live it. I'm not sure I've met many people with as positive an attitude who were as welcoming and giving as Jimmy has been to me, just one of the many thousands of friends he's had around this world.  
– *Kelly Slater*

Right up to the last minute, Jimmy's eyes still twinkled with a humor that said, "I love this world and I'm going to enjoy every minute of it." So many of us will miss Jimmy and his tremendous personality. His love for us all, and for mankind as a whole. He turned a diving phrase that is used to train people underwater into a metaphor for life: When you're confused and don't know where you are just follow the bubbles – they'll take you up to the surface and straighten you out right away.  
– *Paul McCartney*

one in which whomever crossed your path was glad that they did (and was better for it).

Are we living today how we wish to be thought of tomorrow?

Are we making others feel as if they are old, cherished friends?

Do we take the time to smile, share a song, and appreciate a sunset?

Jimmy Buffett, wearing flip flops with margarita in hand, wasn't just a good time guy. He advocated for the environment, peace and kindness, and was filled with insight and wisdom:

👉 Take it all in – it's as big as it seems. Count all your blessings. Remember your dreams.

👉 It takes no more time to see the good side of life than the bad.

👉 Go fast enough to get there, but slow enough to see.

👉 It's important to have as much fun as possible while we're here. It balances out the times when the minefield of life explodes.

👉 We got to roll with the punches, play all your hunches, make the best of whatever comes your way.

👉 Life is a journey that's not measured in miles or years, but in experiences.

👉 Oh, yesterdays are over my shoulder, so I can't look back for too long. There's just too much to see waiting in front of me, and I know that I just can't go wrong.

👉 Older and wiser voices can help you find the right path, if you are only willing to listen.

👉 Some of it's magic and some of it's tragic but I had a good life all the way.

👉 Breathe in, breathe out, move on ...

Are we living today how we wish to be thought of tomorrow?

Are we making others feel as if they are old, cherished friends?

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# BAKED by Abbie

## Chocolate Cranberry Blondies

I bet you are like me and assumed that brownies were created before blondies and also had no idea that blondies are as American as apple pie! Both are true.

According to Seconds Food History ([secondshistory.com](http://secondshistory.com)), the first known recipe for brownies was published in 1896 by Fannie Farmer, a pioneer of modern American cookery. Her recipe, however, did not include chocolate, but it did include molasses, vanilla, and brown sugar (and hence the hint of caramel or butterscotch flavor). Fannie added chocolate to her recipe in 1906, coinciding with the rapid expansion of chocolate manufacturing in America.

Chocolate brownies became the norm and came to be known as brownies, getting their name from mischievous little goblin-like

creatures known as "Brownies," which were featured in cartoons and books of Canadian author Palmer Cox. During the 1950s, the original molasses brownies came to be known as blonde brownies, which in turn became just "blondies."

These Chocolate and Cranberry Blondies, a SallysBakingAddiction.com recipe inspired by one in the 2021 foundational baking skills book *Baker Bettie's Better Baking Book* by Kristin Hoffman, are a nice twist on the original cookie bars. Furthermore, with dried cranberries, they are perfect for fall.



### Ingredients

- ¾ cup light or dark brown sugar, lightly packed
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup unsalted butter, melted and slightly cooled
- 1 large egg + 1 egg yolk, at room temperature
- 2 t vanilla extract
- 1 t orange zest
- ½ t baking powder
- ½ t salt
- 1 ⅓ cups all-purpose flour
- ¾ cup dark or white chocolate chips/chunks
- ¾ cup dried cranberries

### Directions

- Pre-heat oven to 350°F. Line an 8-inch square pan or a 9-inch round pan with parchment paper or grease with non-stick spray.
- In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the brown and granulated sugars with the melted butter. Add the egg, egg yolk, vanilla, and orange zest and whisk until well incorporated, about 30 seconds.
- Add the baking powder, salt, and flour to the mixing bowl and use a silicone spatula

- or spoon to stir together until well combined. Stir for about 30 seconds. Fold in the chocolate and cranberries.
- Transfer mixture into the prepared pan and spread evenly.
- Bake for about 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
- Cool for at least 15 minutes before slicing into squares/wedges.

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# The Reproductive Rights Constitutional Amendment: Privacy or Punishment?

By State Senator Kent Smith

**A**s compared to the recent August election's single issue, Ohioans will have a new and different Issue 1 that will demand their attention this November.

If adopted, Issue 1 would allow Ohioans to enshrine reproductive rights into the Ohio Constitution. A Yes vote would keep government out of your family's personal medical decisions.

In my view, Ohioans should have the freedom to make personal, private decisions for their families without Ohio politicians inserting themselves in the process. This opinion seems to be the majority viewpoint in the state. A survey conducted earlier in the summer found that 59% of Ohioans wanted to make reproductive health care decisions themselves.

The proposed Right to Reproductive Freedom

amendment to the Ohio Constitution on the November ballot offers two options for Ohio voters: privacy or punishment. Ohio women will either be trusted to make the decision that is best for them or Columbus politicians will make those decisions for all pregnant people regardless of the circumstance.

In short, reproductive freedom means every woman can choose what is right for her health, circumstance, or what is in the best interests of her family. It means that no woman will be punished because of a pregnancy.

If Issue 1 does not pass, then government will be charged

with investigating Ohio families medical conditions and subsequent decisions. Police may be forced to determine if miscarriages were murders, who was the responsible party, what criminal charges may result, and what subsequent punishments may be legally required.

Issue 1 does not impact parental rights, nor does it mandate gender affirming care for minors. It is about family privacy, individual medical care, and reproductive freedom. If you want to make those decisions yourself – versus the 132 members of the Ohio Legislature making them for you – you should vote Yes on Issue 1 this November.

If adopted, Issue 1 would allow Ohioans to enshrine reproductive rights into the Ohio Constitution.

A Yes vote would keep government out of your family's personal medical decisions.

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### Recent Zoning Code Amendments Ordinance 2023-11

During the September 5 council meeting, we approved some significant changes to our planning and zoning code, changes that reflect our commitment to progress, equality and the safety of our community. These changes have been meticulously crafted to serve the best interests of our residents.

Three core principles guided our efforts:

- First, we had to ensure that our zoning code aligns with state and federal regulations. It was essential that we avoid the legal disputes that have plagued neighboring cities, saving our resources and upholding the rule of law. These updates bring us in line with these regulations and better support our community's evolving needs.
- Second, we're bolstering safeguards to protect our cherished single-family residential neighborhoods, known as U-1 districts. We recognize the value of these neighborhoods to our residents – these are places where families invest their dreams, their security and their futures. Our code maintains the integrity of these areas while allowing for necessary growth and change.
- The third principle involves fostering inclusivity by accommodating smaller institutional uses, such as places of worship, private schools and charter schools in U-5 districts.

Our city thrives on diversity, and this step reflects our commitment to nurturing a vibrant tapestry of religious and educational institutions. To accomplish that, we reduced the minimum required lot size in U-5 districts, ensuring that legitimate, smaller-scale uses can thrive without undue obstacles.

The overarching concern is our adherence to the federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA). With the assistance of our City Planner and legal team, we've painstakingly designed and reviewed our regulations to comply with this act, ensuring that religious uses are treated on equal terms with non-religious institutions, irrespective of denomination.

It's important to note that we aren't just updating regulations – we're enhancing public safety.

Illegitimate or unpermitted use of properties, especially for places of worship or other gathering spaces, can pose significant risks.

A fire, the collapse of a floor or some other tragedy that resulted in injuries or deaths would immediately lead to blame for the city, as well as operators of the illegitimate gathering spaces.

These changes allow us to enforce essential safety standards consistently, protecting both worshippers and our entire community.

- We've painstakingly designed and reviewed our regulations to comply with the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, ensuring that religious uses are treated on equal terms with non-religious institutions.
- These changes allow us to enforce essential safety standards protecting both worshippers and our entire community.
- Every proposed change for a particular use will take into consideration the impact on that neighborhood and the city.

Any application for a zoning code change will quickly kick off a detailed process that will result in a top-to-bottom, case-by-case review. Every proposed change for a particular use will take into consideration the impact on that neighborhood and the city. Our evaluation will be a fair and comprehensive process, conducted in public, that reflects the values and priorities of our community.

These zoning code updates represent a milestone for Beachwood. They're not only about policy; they're about the heart of our city, our neighborhoods and the individuals who call this place home. I want to

express my gratitude to our City Planner, City Council and our legal team. Their dedication has shaped these changes, ensuring a more equitable, safe and vibrant future for our city.

To keep our community well informed, we created a section on our website answering questions regarding this matter and will update the FAQs as we receive additional questions. Visit [BeachwoodOhio.com/council](http://BeachwoodOhio.com/council).

Thank you.



Mayor Justin Berns  
[MayorBerns@beachwoodohio.com](mailto:MayorBerns@beachwoodohio.com)



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# LEGISLATIVE RECAP - SEPTEMBER

**2023-11** – Council passed legislation amending the zoning code. The process for making these changes began in January and included deliberation and a recommendation from our Planning & Zoning Commission, and a public hearing. A detailed explanation of the zoning changes is outlined under the Mayor's Message and can be found on our website at [BeachwoodOhio.com/council](http://BeachwoodOhio.com/council).

**2023-83** – Council approved the Bills Ordinance authorizing payment for various professional services totaling \$97,461.29.

**2023-84** - Council passed legislation levying Special Assessments for the cost of abating lawn nuisances encompassing a total of 14 parcels at a total cost of \$2,150 within the City of Beachwood.

**Council was asked to update the Beachwood Codified ordinances in accordance with current departmental operations. The changes affected the Departments of Economic Development, Building and Public Works. The three ordinances are listed below:**

**2023-85** – Council created Chapter 136 to re-establish the Department of Economic Development which was previously housed under the Building and Community Development Department.

**2023-86** – Council amended Chapter 139 updating the Public Works Department section of the code to include the position of Assistant Public Works Director and to remove the reference that the Police Chief would serve in the absence of the director and deleted language that is covered elsewhere in the code.

**2023-87** – Council passed legislation amending Chapter 143 changing the title of the Building and Community Development Department back to the Building Department. The language related to the Economic Development Department was adopted as part of the amendments to Chapter 136 referenced above.

**2023-88** – Council adopted legislation extending a moratorium on the review and issuance of applications for zoning permits, certificates of occupancy, and other permits, licenses, and any approvals thereof for dollar stores, second-hand stores, vape shops, hookah lounges, and paraphernalia outlets for a period of 90 days.



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Council also passed the following resolution:

**2023-7** - A Resolution of Support to study the feasibility of installing tornado sirens or other weather alerting systems. This is something the administration has been working on for some time and is currently studying the implementation of a plan. Once information is gathered, a public committee meeting will be scheduled to further discuss with City Council.

**Note: The legislative update for the September 18 city council meeting will be reported in the next issue as the deadline for this publication was prior to the meeting date.**

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



*Shout out to the student musicians who entertained their neighbors at the Edgemoor block party in September!*

## UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

**City Council:**  
October 2 at 7:00 p.m.  
October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

**Planning & Zoning:**  
October 26 at 6:30 p.m.

**Architectural Board of Review:**  
October 2 at 4:30 p.m.  
October 16 at 4:30 p.m.

# WORK-LIVE-LEARN..THRIVE

## MATTHEW J. DOMONKOS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

The City of Beachwood is pleased to announce that Matthew J. Domonkos was promoted to the position of Assistant Fire Chief, effective Monday, August 28. He was brought before City Council at the Tuesday, September 5, council meeting to be ceremonially sworn in and introduced to the community.

He previously was promoted to Lieutenant in Beachwood's Fire Department in 2011, and he was initially hired in 2003. "I feel very confident that our Fire Department will be well served with Matt Domonkos working in this leadership role, and I look forward to continuing our work together," says Steven Holtzman, Beachwood's Fire Chief.



Assistant Fire Chief Matthew Domonkos

Mr. Domonkos began his fire career in 1988 as a cadet with the Russell Fire Department. He took a break from the fire service and obtained his Bachelor's Degree from Ohio University. He was hired by Cleveland and worked as an airport firefighter from 1999-2003. Next, he was hired by Beachwood in 2003 after he served in the City of Cleveland.

Mayor Justin Berns expressed his approval of Mr. Domonkos' new role as well. "The city depends heavily on its fire and rescue teams, so I'm pleased that someone so well qualified will be serving our residents."



Matthew Domonkos being ceremonially sworn in by Mayor Justin Berns on September 5.



Matthew Domonkos pictured with his wife, Jeanine, and daughter, Eva.

### VETERANS DAY CEREMONY:

Sunday, November 12, beginning at 11:00 a.m., Beachwood Cemetery off Green Road  
Join city officials and the Beachwood Historical Society for a salute to our Veterans.

## DISCOVER BEACHWOOD MAGAZINE

Beachwood is prominently featured in Cleveland Magazine's September issue! The special section offers deep dives into businesses in several sectors including sports medicine, bio-tech, nonprofits and our school system. We are proud of the cutting edge resources we have within our borders!

### INSIDE THE ISSUE:

- Faces of Beachwood - Dr. James Voos
- Game Changer - The new Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute
- Commerce Park - Research & Development Central
- Health and Wellness - Beachwood's vibrant nonprofit organizations
- Schools - Empowering students through hands-on experience
- Recreation - Way to play in Beachwood

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# STRATEGICAL CRIME PREVENTION

**Sunday, November 19**  
**9 AM–Noon**  
**Beachwood Community Center**



A **free** classroom based **self-defense course** led by the Beachwood Police Department Subject Control Officers.



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Gain the knowledge needed to prevent crime in everyday situations. Tactical advantages and enhancements will be taught that help deter criminals and give increased reaction time. Physical defense options will also be discussed and participants will be given the option to partake in basic hands-on personal defense techniques. Recommended minimum age for participants is 16. Participants under 18 need to be accompanied by an adult.

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## FALL LEAF PICK-UP

Loose leaf pick-up has begun and, weather permitting, runs through mid-December.

**Please be aware of the following:**

- Leaves need to be raked into piles on the tree-lawn.
- Keep piles free from other debris such as grass, trees or branches.
- Vehicles parked on the street may impede the city's ability to collect leaves.



## ARE YOU PARKING IN FRONT OF A LEAF PILE?

Just a gentle reminder that the City cannot pick up leaf piles on tree lawns that are obstructed by vehicles. Please be courteous to your neighbors and do not block leaf piles if you or a guest/landscaper are parking on the street. Allow at least two car lengths from leaf piles to provide access for the leaf removal equipment.

## COMMUNITY COMPLIMENTS

"I requested service from Public Works on August 15, 2023, at approximately 12 p.m. Recent heavy rains had compromised our storm and sanitary drain system. We felt preventive maintenance was in order before the home had a flooding event. The Public Works crew arrived at approximately 10 a.m. on August 16. These gentlemen, Mr. DeFranco and Mr. Morton presented themselves as professionals with appearance and a thorough explanation of the procedure they were to perform to inspect and correct any problem the system may have. We have been residents in Beachwood for 38 years and since day one had outstanding experiences with any department we have called upon. Be proud of what these people do, and please let them know they are all appreciated very much."

**Tony Caruso**  
City Resident

"I wanted to reach out and let you know that I am super impressed with your staff helping me organize a block party during road construction on my street. Brittany Rutkowski and Chris Arrietta were wonderful communicators and helped me jump through various different hoops to make our 5th annual block party a success. They are the true back stage people who made our block party safe, fun and possible! The block party gives neighbors an opportunity to feel more connected, safer, and provides an enjoyable environment for everybody to get together. Thanks once again, for making Beachwood great."

**Amanda Lincoln**, City Resident

"Again, your Public Works people, every day, make it very clear why this city is the best. Mr. Ron Bryant was making his rounds with his truck yesterday when he noticed my wife placing brush on the tree lawn, he stopped and asked if he could help and he did. He offered a very pleasant conversation as well. I know this type of customer service is ingrained and sincere in all of the divisions that make up our City. I have worked with many of them in my career and as a homeowner. I just have more time now to notice and appreciate it now that I'm retired."

**Tony Caruso**, City Resident

# OCTOBER RECREATION GUIDE

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FREE FAMILY EVENT!

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, NOON-5PM**  
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**BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:** Faces & Places | October 12 - November 4 | Artists' reception on October 15 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Explore the artwork of Missy Bollen, Diane Fleisch Hughes and Tom Megalis.

## DOGS MAKE A SEPTEMBER SPLASH

Beachwood's annual Dog Paddle was held on Thursday, September 7, at the Family Aquatic Center. The one-day event occurs after the summer swimming season as a special opportunity for resident dogs to take over the pool. Make no bones about it, this was a tail wagging good time!



Photography by Discovery Photo.

# HONKIN' HAULIN' PARADES DOWN NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS

Honkin' Haulin' brought the noise and the excitement throughout the streets of Beachwood on Sunday, September 10. Your favorite big trucks were accompanied by a surprise Barbie-themed float constructed by Public Works and Community Services. The three-hour journey brought smiles to all ages as police cruisers, fire trucks and more passed by with candy, giveaways and T-shirts. Beachwood Community Services would like to thank Public Works, Beachwood Fire, Beachwood Police, City Council and the Mayor's Office for their contributions and participation.



To everyone's delight, Barbie was cruising down the streets playing her favorite tunes.



Council members Eric Synenberg, Danielle Shoykhet and Barbara Bellin Janovitz.



Pictured left to right; Tina Turick, Brittany Rutkowski and Mayor Justin Berns.

## YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

- Little Hoop Stars Basketball**  
 Thurs, November 2-December 14, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
 Hilltop Elementary School, Ages 4-5  
 Residents \$120, Non-Residents \$144  
 (No class on November 23.)
- Hoop Stars Basketball**  
 Thurs, November 2-December 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
 Hilltop Elementary School, Grades 1-2  
 Residents \$120, Non-Residents \$144  
 (No class on November 23.)
- Beachwood Youth Basketball**  
 Boys & Girls Leagues Available, Winter 2023-24  
 Beachwood High School, Grades 3-6  
 Residents \$75, Non-Residents \$95
- Junior Golf (Beginner-Intermediate)**  
 Sat, October 21-December 16  
 Ages 5-8, 9-10 a.m. or Ages 9-12, 10-11 a.m.  
 The Clubhouse Cleveland (23800 Commerce Park)  
 Residents \$313, Non-Residents \$376  
 (No class on November 25.)
- Pee Wee Soccer**  
 Fri, November 3-December 22, 12:45-1:30 p.m.  
 Fairmount Early Childhood Center, Ages 3-5  
 Residents \$144, Non-Residents \$173  
 (No class on November 24.)
- Beginner Footskills Soccer**  
 Wed, October 25-December 13, 3:25-4:25 p.m.  
 Bryden Elementary, Grades K-2  
 Residents \$144, Non-Residents \$173  
 (No class on November 22.)

## BEACHWOOD SENIORS

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS & TRIPS

- Technology & You**  
 Mondays, October 2-October 16, 11:00 a.m., Community Center  
 Free, RSVP required by the Tuesday prior to each session  
 Explore and learn about the latest technology in a free, hands-on experience. New topics each week! Join us for Tech Zoo on October 2, Gateway to Virtual Independence on October 9 and Unlocking the Potential of A.I. on October 16.
- The Writing World**  
 Wednesday, November 1, 11:00 a.m., Community Center  
 Free, RSVP required by October 27  
 Are you interested in writing and releasing books, short stories, cookbooks, and children's books? Marlia Hall from Write and Release Community Writing will be here to share more info and gauge interest in a new program.
- The Cleveland Orchestra at Mandel Concert Hall**  
 Friday, November 17, Departs from the Community Center at 9:45 a.m.  
 Residents \$78, Non-Residents \$94  
 Enjoy this morning matinee performance with conductor Barbara Hannigan, Aphrodite Patoulidou, soprano, and selections like: HAYDN Symphony No. 44, "Trauersinfonie", LIGETI Lontano. Register by October 10.

## SENIOR DAY OUT

**Down Memory Lane with Flashbaxx**  
**Thursday, October 26, at Noon**  
**Beachwood Community Center**

Residents \$13  
 Non-Residents \$16  
 Program Only \$5

Register by October 18.

Flashbaxx is here to take you back to the music of the 60s and 70s with songs and music of The Drifters, The Platters, "Fly Me to the Moon," "Under the Boardwalk," Johnny & June, Sonny & Cher and others!

Meal choices include a tomato mozzarella fresco sandwich or a chicken salad sandwich. All entrees served with kettle chips, beverage and dessert.

**November Senior Day Out:** Join us on November 16 to explore Ohio's presidential past. Register by November 8.

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

# WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

## THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### MAYOR'S BUSINESS RECEPTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 9

The Mayor's Business Reception for Beachwood companies of all sizes will be hosted this fall, November 9, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Canterbury Country Club. The reception encourages networking and engagement between community stakeholders, area business owners and commercial property owners. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. Businesses interested in attending are encouraged to contact the Economic Development Office at 216.292.1915 or email Catherine Bieterman, Economic Development Director, at Catherine.Bieterman@beachwoodohio.com.

Confirmation of attendance is required by October 27. Sponsorship opportunities are also available; please inquire for more details.



### NEW BEGINNINGZ SPA & SALON GRAND RE-OPENING

New BeginningZ Spa & Salon held its grand re-opening on August 28 at 3365 Richmond Rd., Suite 120. New BeginningZ is a self-care oasis dedicated to helping customers relax, rejuvenate, and refresh. With a wide range of services, including massage therapy, facials, manicures, pedicures and more, they offer something for everyone. Learn more at [newbeginningzspa.com](http://newbeginningzspa.com).



Mayor Berns pictured with council members Danielle Shoykhet and June Taylor holding the ribbon for the grand re-opening at 3365 Richmond Rd.

### TAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OPENS

In August, Beachwood welcomed a new outpatient treatment center, Tal Behavioral Health. Located in Signature Square 1, it offers a full range of services, all under the holistic dual diagnosis framework. Clients can receive any of the following treatments: cognitive-behavioral therapy, cognitive behavior therapy, group therapy, eye movement desensitization and reprocessing, and somatic experiencing. Individual therapy, group-led support meetings and family support are also available. Intensive outpatient programs are part of the rehab options as well.



The August ribbon cutting at Tal Behavioral Health.

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# The Last Song: Maxi's Revenge Premiere

Javon Bates, known as Javon Bates The Legacy, and Anthony D. Phillips Sr. have collaborated to create *The Last Song: Maxi's Revenge*.

This feature will premiere to a sold-out audience on Friday, Oct. 13, 7 pm, at Pinecrest's Silverspot Cinema. Another show has been scheduled on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at Atlas Cinemas Eastgate 10.

Javon is the film's director, producer, screenplay writer, and actor. He owns Beachwood-based Javon Bates The Legacy Films & Tomahawk Entertainment Group. Anthony owns Shut'em Down Entertainment.

With an impressive career spanning six published books, two successful movies, dynamic comedy shows, and multiple radio programs, Javon has consistently harnessed his talents to inspire, motivate, and infuse hope into the lives of his audience. *The Last Song: Maxi's Revenge* stands as a testament to Javon's unwavering commitment to uplifting communities through storytelling.

His current movie unfolds an epic narrative in the heart of Cleveland, where

Darnell Money and Maxi Grant embark on a mission to rejuvenate their community with the "Building Blocking" project. However, their noble endeavor takes a perilous turn when Nucci, the formidable head of the Italian Mafia, demands a share of their thriving enterprise.

The film takes audiences on a riveting journey, fraught with suspense, moral quandaries, and unrelenting tension. Darnell and Maxi are faced with a life-altering choice: submit to Nucci's coercive demands or summon the courage to confront the menacing Mob, putting everything they hold dear on the line.

Reflecting on his work, Javon expressed, "I live through my pen and paper. My work is marked by my ability to motivate, encourage, and deliver hope to those who are fortunate enough to be exposed to it. This film leads to my ultimate goal and I'm genuinely excited to share it with our community."



The film takes audiences on a riveting journey, fraught with suspense, moral quandaries, and unrelenting tension.

*The Last Song: Maxi's Revenge*  
Wednesday, Oct. 18  
Atlas Cinemas Eastgate 10  
Order tickets at  
<https://tinyurl.com/JavonMovie>

An advertisement for HarborChase. The top half shows a kitchen counter with a variety of items: two bottles of Pellegrino sparkling water, a large platter of fresh fruit (strawberries, watermelon, oranges, grapes), a cutting board with sliced meats and cheeses, and a bottle of olive oil. In the background, there's a kitchen sink, a potted plant, and a microwave. The text 'ELEVATED LIVING' is written in large white letters across the bottom of the image. To the right, there's a QR code and the text 'SCAN TO EXPERIENCE HARBORCHASE'.

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# Beachwood FOPA: Rebuilding Membership to Support the Beachwood PD

The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) is the world's largest organization of sworn law enforcement officers, with more than 364,000 members in more than 2,200 lodges. It is the voice of those who dedicate their lives to protecting and serving our communities.

Additionally, the FOP promotes improved law enforcement methods and the teaching of respect for law and order, and is committed to representing its members through education, leadership, governmental involvement, and employee representation.

The Fraternal Order of Police Associates (FOPA) is an associate lodge that works with the FOP.

Beachwood's chapter, Lodge 88, was established in 1974 under a group of founding fathers that included former Mayor Merle Gorden, who is once again an active member.

"We set examples of how citizens can assist in making law enforcement better in our city, state, and country," Merle told us. "Our non-political membership includes people from all walks of life and we're actively looking to expand our base."

Merle had moved to Beachwood in 1959, became a volunteer firefighter in 1973, and then recruited about 20 people to start the Beachwood FOPA chapter in 1974. When he became mayor, he stepped aside because his leadership became a conflict of interest.

Over the years, membership declined and as the chapter reaches its 50-year anniversary, it is now being rebuilt under a new leadership team: Rob Marimberga, president; Sheldon Lichtman, vice president; Jeffrey Schneider, treasurer; and David Keilin, secretary.

"Many people in our community don't even know we exist," said Rob, who was recently elected president. "With changing times, we know the dangers and difficulties faced by today's police officers and we want to get more people involved. Our ultimate

goal is to rally community involvement to support Beachwood police officers in times of need. We hold meetings every other month and welcome new members' participation.

"We are here to support our parent FOP lodge and work closely with the Beachwood Police Department," he added. "It's a win-win for the people of Beachwood."

In addition to scheduled meetings, Beachwood's FOPA and FOP chapters plan to host various fundraisers in the community, as well as dinners that will feature keynote speakers at local restaurants. The group's next meeting, open to the community, will take place Monday, Nov. 6, 6:30 pm, at Olive Garden.

FOPA Lodge 88 works directly with FOP Lodge 86, whose president is Beachwood Police Officer Maxwell Zugay. Both are sanctioned by the State of Ohio.



Rob Marimberga and Merle Gorden work together to build membership of Beachwood's FOPA, Lodge 88.

The group's next meeting, open to the community, will take place Monday, Nov. 6, 6:30 pm, at Olive Garden.

For more information or to become involved, contact Rob at rob2u@aol.com or visit the group's Facebook page, Fraternal Order of Police Associates, Lodge 88, Beachwood, Ohio.

## Beachwood Arts Council Events

### At the Beachwood Community Center

#### Music4Connections

Sunday, Oct. 15 • 2-3 pm

Three highly recognized student musicians, including Beachwood High School junior Chengyu Li, will present classical and contemporary music.

For musician bios and more, see page 42.

#### The African American Quilt and Doll Guild Exhibit

Wednesday, Nov. 8 –

Thursday, Dec. 7

#### Opening Reception:

Saturday, Nov. 11 • 5-7 pm

The African American Quilt and Doll Guild is a unique organization

filled with fabulous, friendly, and inspiring members who weave countless stories through fabric. Theirs is a purposeful journey of creating quilts and dolls that are inspired by African American history and culture.

#### David Spero Interview and Book Signing

Thursday, November 16

7-9 pm

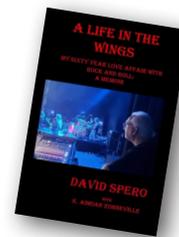
*A Life in the Wings:*

*My Sixty Year Love Affair with Rock and Roll: A Memoir*

David Spero, a 1970s rock-radio pioneer and inductee of the Beachwood High School

Gallery of Success; a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame board of directors; music manager who has overseen the careers of Bad Company, Dickey Betts, Petula Clark, Billy Bob Thornton, Yusuf Islam/Cat Stevens, Survivor, Don Felder, Patty Smythe, Joe Walsh, Michael Stanley, and many others; and a 2023 inductee of The Personal Manager's Hall of Fame, will discuss his book.

**Save the date for this unique event. More information to follow next month!**



**Remember ...** Make Art, Take Art, Love Art with Beachwood's Free Little Art Gallery (FLAG), located by the side entrance of the Beachwood Community Center.

FLAG provides a fun way to share art in our community. When you visit, you may take something and/or leave something. You'll find new art there all the time!

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## Surgery, Close to Home

**W**ith the opening of University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center's new surgical suites, patients enjoy the comfort and convenience of general and specialized surgical procedures, close to home.

While most hospitals have advanced medical equipment, often it is the little touches that make for an exceptional patient experience. So, when University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center designed its Phase 2 expansion, the architects brought together a multidisciplinary team of physicians, nurses and staff members to perceive the space from all perspectives—and to especially be mindful of patients.

"As part of the expansion, we have increased our operating room capacity at UH Ahuja Medical Center by 80%. The addition of eight new surgical suites brings the total number to 18," says Dr. Meagan Costedio, who, along with Dr. Sandhia Varyani, is co-chair of the division of surgery.

Initially, four operating rooms will open and allow for expanded surgical and endoscopy services, including more orthopedic, general and gynecology services.

Both Drs. Costedio and Varyani were part of the team that worked with architects to give input for the design of the facility, configure the bed and equipment layout for best function, and even help pick the colors and furniture.

"Even though you are in an operating room, we want to make it as pleasant as possible," says Dr. Varyani, who has worked at University Hospitals for 20 years specializing in OB-GYN and

minimally invasive procedures. "It's not just about the advanced technology and lighting in the room. We also focus on the patient experience, so there are things like TV screens with a picture of a beach and sounds of waves that calm you before you go to sleep."

"As part of the renovation, we also have a wonderful waiting area catering to families," Dr. Costedio adds. "There is comfortable seating if you want to relax and computer charging areas if you need to be able to work.

"Plus, we have a meditation room downstairs," she notes. "We are a patient- and family-centric facility, whether you are getting a surgical procedure, having a baby or getting a mammogram."

The expansion design not only focused on patients and their families, but also took into account the staff and being mindful of the workday. There is a lot of natural light streaming in the operating room staff lounge, instead of the customary fluorescent lights overhead.

The surgery center's new Central Sterile Processing area, which cleans, sterilizes and prepares medical instruments, is located in the basement and features decorative glass walls. From an infection prevention standpoint, the walls are not only easy to clean, but also give the team an opportunity to customize their work environment with picturesque landscape images.

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By diversifying its surgical footprint in the new 51,000-square-foot Surgery Center, UH Ahuja Medical Center will be able to offer more complex surgeries in the future.

"We have expanded our robotics-assisted surgeries as well," says Dr. Costedio, who specializes in colorectal surgery.

Overall, UH Ahuja Medical Center's footprint has almost doubled in size, which includes a 222,000-square-foot, three-story hospital pavilion addition that houses the Steve and Loree Potash Women & Newborn Center, the UH Cutler Center for Men, the UH Breast Center, an emergency department and short-stay unit, along with a 76,000-square foot sports medicine institute.

The Surgery Center at UH Ahuja Medical Center is located at 3999 Richmond Rd. in Beachwood. For more information, visit [UHhospitals.org/AhujaExpansion](http://UHhospitals.org/AhujaExpansion).



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## Surgery Center Close to Home

By Laura Briedis

The new UH Ahuja Medical Center's surgical suites can handle many types of operations, so patients don't need to drive to the downtown campus to get specialized care. In addition to general surgery, there are many specialties here, including:

- Breast Surgery
- Cardiac
- Cardiothoracic
- Colorectal
- Ear, Nose, Throat (ENT)
- Gastroenterology
- Gynecology
- Maternal-Fetal Medicine
- Oral Maxillofacial
- Orthopedics
- Podiatry
- Plastic Surgery
- Urogynecology
- Urology
- Vascular

"We are the busiest surgical facility on the east side in the UH network," says Dr. Meagan Costedio. "We make it convenient for patients as we are close to home and accessible."



# Parents' Transportation Needs Fuel Business

By Arlene Fine

Charisma Curry, founder of Parents In Motion (PIM), is a woman on the move. The Beachwood resident launched her ride-service program for parents in 2019. After some rough roadblocks, her business is back in gear.

"Our first year was better than I could have imagined," said Charisma, 36, the mother of five children under 17 years of age. "But in 2020 when COVID hit, all our revenue and services came to a complete halt. With school closures and fear of the pandemic, the need for our transportation service plummeted."

Charisma didn't let the pandemic steal her dream. She used the long months to rethink, retool, and enhance her business model. She took online and eventually in-person classes in marketing, technology, and finance offered by The Urban League of Greater Cleveland and Small Enterprise Education Development (SEED). "I knew my business model of providing safe and reliable transportation for families and children in Northeast Ohio was needed, and my goal was to be even better prepared to start up again when the time was right," she said. "Busy parents will always need flexible and convenient transportation for school runs and extracurricular activities."

Now, with the 2023-24 school year in full swing, Charisma has jumpstarted her app-based transportation business with the goal of acquiring 150 subscribers and 50 drivers. The annual membership cost is \$20 a month, with a base charge of \$10 per ride and \$1 per mile. Carpooling is permitted to allow families to split the fare. "Members go through background checks before they are allowed to join and access the driver app," said Charisma.

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"This is a perfect job for retired teachers and other professionals who want to help fill the gap in transportation resources for families with school age children," Charisma added.

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Charisma's current staff consists of four dedicated managers, each in charge of transportation, logistics, safety, and human resources. "After the next funding round I'm hiring additional staff to boost customer support services and enhance our technology," she said.

With safety being Charisma's paramount concern, the company's safety manager is a former police officer who thoroughly vets and regulates each of her drivers. Applicants must go through multiple background checks and have professional and personal references. The cars being used to transport students also undergo intense scrutiny. "We have a partnership with Firestone, where each car used for transporting students undergoes a 22-point safety inspection," Charisma said.

With slots for the school year filling up quickly, Charisma said her biggest challenge remains finding enough drivers to meet the demand. "This is a perfect job for retired teachers and other professionals who want to help fill the gap in transportation resources for families with school age



Charisma Curry, Parents in Motion founder

children," Charisma added.

Vicki Primes is grateful for the ride service. "My grandson rides with a Parent Network Driver for after school pick up at Menlo Park Academy," she said. "I leave work right when he gets out of school. It helps so much."

Looking to the future, Charisma plans to keep the drive alive and expand to other Ohio cities. "There is a vast, untapped market of working parents who need this service," said Charisma. "My goal is to fill that need in the safest and most seamless way possible so that parents have a hassle-free way to transport their kids where they need to go."

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For more information, visit [www.ridepim.com](http://www.ridepim.com) or contact Charisma at 440.940.4036.

# Botanical Voices on Display at The Gathering Place

The Gathering Place is pleased to announce *Botanical Voices*, an art exhibit on display from Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, through Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024, in the Bornstein Gallery, in The Gathering Place's Beachwood location, at 23300 Commerce Park.

An artist's reception will take place from 11 am to 1 pm on Saturday, Oct. 14. The event will provide an opportunity for the public to meet the artist and discuss her work, as well as learn more about the mission of The Gathering Place.

The artist behind *Botanical Voices* is Helen Wilson, whose love of all things botanical began at a young age. Today, she uses a mixed-media collage process to communicate her visions.

"The Gathering Place is proud to host an exhibit of such unique and vibrant artwork," said Jeff Stanicki, vice president of Partner Engagement at The Gathering Place. "We invite the public to visit the Bornstein Gallery to admire Helen's unique vision and to help support the work of The Gathering Place. A portion of the proceeds from the exhibit will be used to help keep our services free for those on a cancer journey."

## About Helen Wilson

Helen's love of all things botanical began at a young age, as she grew up in Southern California, playing daily in her grandmother's lush garden. Her art career began as a middle school student doodling on cereal boxes, gum wrappers and phone books. At age 16, she was introduced to the wonders of a Rapidograph technical pen, spent hours drawing, and found art to be a means of communication. Entering into adulthood and the world of work and family life, she set her artistic interests aside.

Several decades later, Helen and her family moved to the edge of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, her fascination with the natural world was rekindled, and she discovered a fascination with the relationship between "outer and inner." The dormancy of winter plants, the buzzing of pollinators, the hidden work of chlorophyll,

the rhythm of the seasons, the mystery of seeds, and the amazing world of grasses became some of her themes. The infinite layers found in nature are a common thread throughout her mixed media process. She also recognizes that the botanical world has a message for us. There is more to life than meets the eye!

Helen discovered her voice in mixed media after experimenting with varied artistic approaches. She devised her own process of 3-D paper collage, also considered as a low relief sculpture. She uses acrylic paints, mediums, inks, mono-printing, sgraffito, and metal leaf in her work, and includes asemic writing and numbers as a means of giving voice to the botanical world. Recently, she began to create free-standing paper assemblages and is currently learning how to incorporate recycled cardboard into some of her pieces.



Helen Wilson

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## About The Gathering Place:

The Gathering Place is a non-profit organization that supports, educates, and empowers

individuals and families who are currently coping with cancer in their lives, providing free programs and services. To learn

more about The Gathering Place and its mission, visit [touchedbycancer.org](http://touchedbycancer.org) or call 216.595.9546.

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## Other Events Happening at The Gathering Place in October:

For more information or to register, call Whitney Hadley at 216.455.1522

### Having Children After Cancer Series

This series starts on October 5, with "Is Adoption an Option?" This session will offer attendees the opportunity to talk through common questions and concerns cancer survivors face when deciding to build a family.

### Teens with Cancer Group Saturday, Oct. 14,

This is a new support group for teens ages 13-17 who have been diagnosed and/or treated for cancer. The group will focus on coping with cancer, providing skills, and how cancer affects teens and their peers.

### October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The Gathering Place offers a variety of support groups and services for individuals facing breast cancer. Please visit [www.touchedbycancer.org](http://www.touchedbycancer.org) for a complete list of support group times and locations.



# Stop the Hate Contest Open for Submissions

## 6th–12th Graders Invited to Submit Essays on Stopping the Spread of Hate

The Maltz Museum's 16th Annual Stop the Hate Contest and Program has officially launched for the 2023/2024 school year. Each year, approximately 8,000 students participate in the Stop the Hate program through workshops and tours and about 3,000 students enter the prestigious contest. With the help of 400 volunteer readers, 26 contest finalists, 35+ schools, and two Stop the Hate teachers of the year are named. Through the generosity of a donor, \$100,000 is awarded in support of standing up and speaking out against hate. To the best of the Maltz Museum's knowledge, the Stop the Hate program is one of the country's largest scholarship opportunities of its kind.

### Who are the students who are participating?

Northeast Ohio 6th through 12th graders living in or attending public, private, or home school in one of the following twelve counties: Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, and Wayne counties.

Since the contest started, over 50,000 students in these twelve counties have participated and \$1.5 million has been awarded in the form of scholarships, prizes, and anti-bias education grants.

Rooted in the Jewish value of respect for all humanity, the Maltz Museum is proud that it continues to give young people of all faiths and backgrounds a platform to speak out in support of inclusion and diversity, while also supporting continued education in classrooms through grant-making.

### How can a student enter the Stop the Hate contest?

Students are invited to pen a personal essay in 500 words or less about bias they have witnessed or experienced, and share what they have done or will do in response. A visit to the museum is recommended. However, if distance is a barrier, there is a digital Stop the Hate tour that can be accessed online at [Learn.MaltzMuseum.org](https://Learn.MaltzMuseum.org) and classrooms can schedule a virtual Holocaust Survivor Speaker. Although encouraged, there is no requirement to attend with a school or as part of a group. Essays can be submitted by an individual independent of their school's involvement.

### How can a teacher bring a school group for a Stop the Hate tour?

School groups are invited at a discounted rate of only \$3 per student. Secondary

add-on experiences are an additional \$2 per student. One adult is admitted free with every 10 students. CMSD schools are admitted at no cost, with pre-registration. Please schedule with a minimum notice of two weeks. The museum also offers free transportation for CMSD schools as well as any school with 50% or more of its students participating in the National School Lunch Program. For details, and more information, please email [tours@mmjh.org](mailto:tours@mmjh.org).

Stop the Hate tours are approximately 60 minutes in length and can be paired with additional museum offerings. Teachers can choose from having their students meet and talk with a Holocaust survivor and hear a harrowing story of survival and courage; experience how high-tech A.I. intersects with the preservation of historical memory when witnessing the Interactive Biographies of Holocaust Survivor Stanley Bernath or Civil Rights Leader Rev. Dr. Otis Moss Jr.; or participate in a docent led tour of the special exhibition *The Girl in the Diary: Searching for Rywka from the Lodz Ghetto*, which opens October 25, 2023.

### Are there other ways for schools to get involved?

A classroom-based group competition invites classes to tour the museum and then participate in a free workshop with Roots of American Music. Working with a teaching artist, the class will pen an original song. This song becomes the class submission to the contest and is judged by a panel of music experts selected in partnership with the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Classroom songs are recorded for future listening! Winning classrooms will receive anti-bias education grants for their school.

In addition, classroom teachers may elect to have essay writing workshops through teaching artists from Lake Erie Ink that guide students through the essay writing process.

New this year is the opportunity to pen poems, in addition to essays, however poems are exclusively accessible for Lake Erie Workshop students.

Also new this year is the opportunity to apply for one of three Stop the Hate Anti-Bias Community Grants of \$5,000 each for schools in the participating 12 counties. For more information on applications, please contact [ckrieger@mmjh.org](mailto:ckrieger@mmjh.org).

Maltz Museum Presents

# STOP THE HATE



Students gather outside the Maltz Museum prior to a tour.

### Are there words of inspiration to get students thinking?

"I no longer believe that we can change anything in the world until we have first changed ourselves." – Etty Hillesum

Etty Hillesum was a young, Jewish-Dutch woman who wrote diaries in Amsterdam during the Second World War. In 1943, she was murdered at Auschwitz, at only 29 years old. Etty believed internal personal change was a necessary first step to bringing about positive change in the world, and that this was the main lesson to be learned from the Holocaust. Etty bears witness to what it means to be human and commits herself to a radical choice: not to hate, even as she opens her heart to the horrors unfolding around her.

In honor of Etty's message, we ask students to share their stories; to describe a moment of injustice, bias, discrimination, or exclusion: something they witnessed or experienced, or a time when they learned about an unjust situation or event that affected you or others.

Students are asked to answer the following questions: How did this moment impact the people involved? What kind of personal change does this experience inspire in you?

How can your personal change lead you to make positive changes in your community and the world? How have you or will you affect others positively?

**Deadlines are in February.**  
**For complete details, visit**  
**[Learn.MaltzMuseum.org](https://Learn.MaltzMuseum.org).**

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# Cleveland Jewish FilmFest

17th annual FilmFest features 34 films from 11 countries over 11 days; opens Thursday, Oct. 12, with *Remembering Gene Wilder*

The Mandel Jewish Community Center is pleased to present the annual Cleveland Jewish FilmFest, October 12-22. The festival, now in its 17th year, brings the best of international Jewish and Jewish-themed cinema to Greater Cleveland to educate and entertain teen and adult audiences. Tickets are now on sale.

The FilmFest will feature 34 films from 11 countries over 11 days, showcasing a mixture of outstanding documentary, feature, comedy and short films. A television series and short films will also be streamed throughout the festival.

Opening night, Thursday, Oct. 12, will be held at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, featuring the documentary *Remembering Gene Wilder*. The evening will include a pre-movie, invite-only Insider Party, and post-movie dessert reception.

Films will also be screened at the Cedar Lee Theatre,

Cinematheque at the Cleveland Institute of Art, the Maltz Museum, Mandel JCC, and Pinecrest Silverspot Cinema, a new venue for the FilmFest. Several films will be available for streaming at home.

"Each year, we look forward to sharing a captivating selection of award-winning films with our community," said Deborah Bobrow, director of arts and culture at the Mandel Jewish Community Center. "This year's lineup will not disappoint."

Select highlights include *Culture Fix CLE: Healing Our Community through the Arts*, a

locally directed documentary short about an Israeli street artist who uses his art to heal the world, one Band-Aid at a time; *Yaniv*, created by Beachwood natives Amnon Carmi and Benjamin Ducoff; *Amen-Amen-Amen: A Story for Our Times*; and *Irena's Vow*, which is fresh off its Toronto International Film Festival world premiere.

Major sponsors for the 17th Annual Cleveland Jewish FilmFest are Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, The Harry K. and Emma R. Fox Charitable Foundation and Ohio Arts Council.



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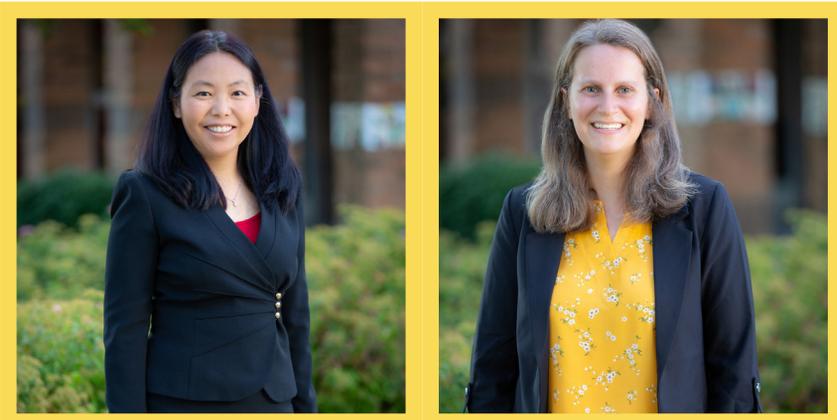


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# BAC Welcomes Music4Connections

Presented by Beachwood Arts Council • Sunday, October 15 • 2-3 pm • Beachwood Community Center

**M**usic4Connections, founded in 2017 by brothers Edward and Evan Dan, is composed of over 80 passionate student volunteers who share a deep love for music. Originally established to bring the joy of music to nursing home residents, this group has performed six to 10 concerts annually at various Northeast Ohio nursing homes, and three talented participants will now share their talent at the Beachwood Community Center.

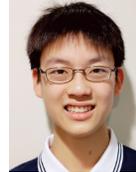
This program has nurtured the growth of local and internationally acclaimed young musicians who possess an immense talent and a profound passion and love for music. The student musicians firmly believe that music has the power to transform lives, and they are working together toward making a difference in our community. This concert's performers include:

- Solon High School sophomore Evan Dan, an internationally accomplished pianist who has achieved the first-place award at the Carmel Klavier International Concerto

Contest Competition and the Thomas F. Hulbert International Competition. After winning the CIM Preparatory Competition, Evan made his debut as a soloist with the CIM Orchestra.

- Beachwood High School junior Chengyu Li, who plays piano, cello, and drums, and is a member of the Beachwood High School Band and Jazz Band. She is one of the leaders for the Music4Connections concerts and also plays cello for the prestigious Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra.

- Solon High School sophomore Frederick Song, who plays piano and violin. Having performed for Music4Connections for more than five years, he received The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) grade 8 exam certificate from the U.K.'s largest music education body, which encourages learners to develop their musical skills, knowledge, and understanding.



Evan Dan, Chengyu Li, and Frederick Song

Music4Connections will perform classical music by Beethoven, Chopin, Tchaikovsky, Weber, Bach, Massenet, and Debussy, as well as a few contemporary musical pieces by Muczynski, Ginastera, Zimmer, and Powell.

This free concert is sponsored by the Cleveland Foundation and the Ohio Arts Council. For more information about Music4Connections, visit Music4 Connections on Facebook or email [music4connections@gmail.com](mailto:music4connections@gmail.com).



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# A Balanced Life

When asked about his experience at the Peter B. Lewis Aquatic Therapy Center, the first thing Marty Goren says is, "I'll tell you one thing: Eran is unbelievable."

Marty credits the care and professionalism of the whole team for making his visits both positive and helpful. At 94 years old, he has struggled with vertigo intermittently for years. "It's especially bad when you're lying down and you get up. Many years ago, after a dentist visit, when I sat up, the vertigo was so bad that I spent a couple of days in the hospital. So, I originally went to the Center for balance, and when I found out they treated vertigo, it was a relief. Fortunately, they were able to work with me."

Marty has been treated for balance and enjoys the warm-water therapy. "I wasn't happy with some of the therapy I received elsewhere, so I was thrilled when the option to go to the Center was presented. They really know what they're doing."

In addition to treatment at the Center, Marty was given exercises to do at home as well as strategies to deal with vertigo whenever it recurs.

"I've been going regularly for over a year and I thoroughly enjoy it. It's great to see other people who are going through similar things.

It's easy to get appointments and the staff is very accommodating."

After a knee replacement, Marty had home therapy and then went to the Center for aquatic therapy. Now he's happy to be able to get around without a walker or a cane. "I walk a lot. My personal record is almost 11,000 steps in a day. I walk after breakfast, then again with my wife in the afternoon."

Marty and his wife, Lil, recently celebrated their 72nd anniversary and live independently in Beachwood.

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Marty Goren



Eran Shiloh, physical therapist, demonstrating therapy at the Peter B. Lewis Aquatic Therapy Center.



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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 am, at the Beachwood Library. Upcoming dates are October 6 and November 3.

Participants create varied projects that include hats, bird nests, lapghans, soap sacks, and more – and yarn donations are always welcome!

To participate or donate yarn, contact Iris November at [lbertyclub@gmail.com](mailto:lbertyclub@gmail.com) or 216.375.9111.

## Block Party Fun

On August 13, the residents of Fairmount Court Condominiums held a block party – their first get-together after a seven-year hiatus.

“Residents in our buildings had talked about getting together for months because there are a lot of people in our complex who we see, but don’t know,” said Michael Unger, one of the event co-chairs. “Our event was really nice. We had about 60-70 people attend. Everyone brought food and it was lovely.”

Michael then told us that the City of Beachwood brought one

Neighbors chat while signing in, and enjoying a dessert buffet with delicious custom cookies, created by Ellison Joseph.

Special thanks to Cheryl Gordon, Natalie Titlebaum, Michael Ungar, and Cheryl Siegel, who planned the event.

of its block party trailers, which made planning easy. The trailer includes tents, tables, chairs, coolers, street barricades, lawn games, cornhole boards, and a selfie frame.

“I’ve been here for five years and met people I had never met

before,” Michael added. “We made new connections and everyone had a good time.”



## From the Beachwood Garden Club

### Workshops

Celebrate autumn at Beachwood City Park West’s Pavilion, rain or shine. Programs are sponsored by the Beachwood Garden Club. Registration is required by calling 216.956.1945.



**Saturday, Oct. 7 • 12-4 pm • Free**

### Archaeology Day

Meet archaeologists, view artifacts, throw an atlatl, view a flint knapping demo, and learn about native plants. Program presented by the Beachwood Garden Club and Beachwood Historical Society. Donations accepted.

**Sunday, Oct. 15 • 11 am**

### Pumpkin Carving

Bring your own pumpkin, carving tools, and a container for pumpkin seeds if you’d like to roast them. A best-carved pumpkin contest will take place at noon, and small pumpkins will be available for painting for \$5 each.

## Artistic Swimming Team 2023



Coaches Rosemary Nemeth and Gianna Lucci with the Artistic Swimming Team.

Artistic Swimming was held throughout the summer at the Beachwood Family Aquatics Center. This synchro team performed a beautiful show for all to see at the end of the season. Synchro performers use ballet, balance, coordination, art, and timing, with music as a backdrop. Congratulations to this year’s Artistic Swimming Team!

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# Find Your Voice Now

Annie Roth found her voice and now helps other women find theirs. Find Your Voice Now, a nonprofit organization founded by Annie 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. Its mission is, "To create a network of women to help support and navigate through emotionally abusive relationships and to discover their own voice; to offer a safe space to become empowered to live their healthiest and happiest of lives."

This group was established as a safe space to share, discuss, and simply listen to other women who may be going through similar hardships. It now has 443 members, continues to build its Instagram following, @findyourvoice.now, and recently launched its new website, [www.findyourvoicenow.today](http://www.findyourvoicenow.today).

"We offer a loose agenda. After

introductions, I ask if anyone has anything pending or if someone needs help right now. These women communicate – they share stories they wouldn't share anywhere else," Annie told us. "That's the safe space we want to provide. It's support when you need it. We work on

your timeframe.

"Support is different than therapy," she added. "Group support is horizontal. We're all equal and there is no judgment. We're on the same plane and are all there to hear, share, comfort, and help each other heal. We don't have to face our problems alone."

Find Your Voice Now meets every other Thursday. Upcoming online events will be held on October 5, October 19, and November 2. You may join a one-hour session by visiting [meetup.com/find-your-voice-a-women's-support-group/](http://meetup.com/find-your-voice-a-women's-support-group/).

The Cleveland and Detroit chapters will both hold in-person meetings starting in 2024.

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