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Letter from THE EDITOR

By Debby Zelman Rapoport



Welcome to 2024: A new year, new possibilities! Breathe in with gratitude for where you are today and envision where you'd like your path to lead throughout the year. When I look forward, I envision inner peace, love, creativity, and hope for a more peaceful world. We can each do something on a regular basis that will bring ourself joy without setting grandiose goals or focusing on unrealistic New Year's resolutions.

A few years ago I published an article based on Marc and Angel Chernoff's book, *1,000 Little Things Happy Successful People Do Differently*. The book is based on the authors' experiences and how they took small steps to live their best lives.

In this book, they published a list, titled, "12 Amazingly Achievable Things to Do Today." None of this information is new. We all need reminders because small steps taken regularly yield large results.

Instead of talking about resolutions, I share these tips because they're easy to follow and they set a foundation that will make it easier to achieve whatever we set out to do. Also, we don't have to strive for perfection. Grace over guilt goes a long way.

Smile. Smiling is a choice. Don't wait for people to smile at you, show them how. A genuine smile makes you and everyone around you feel better. It sends a message to your brain that you're happy. And when you're happy, your body pumps out all kinds of feel-good endorphins.

Treat everyone with kindness and respect.

Everyone's going through something. Although we don't always know their story, they will notice our kindness.

Perform one selfless act.

Do something that's greater than you, something that helps someone else be happy or suffer less. You get back what you put in.

Avoid needless drama and those who create it.

Stay away from unnecessary drama and minimize time with people who thrive on it. Choose to spend time with people who you admire, and who love and respect you: people who make your day a little brighter simply by being in it. Don't walk away from negative people, *run!* Life is too short to spend time with people who suck the happiness out of you.

Think of the positives. Stop being afraid of what could go wrong and start thinking of what could go right. Be grateful for friends who turned into family, and past dreams and goals

that turned into realities. Use positivity to fuel a brighter tomorrow.

Inject a little love into the world around you. Love what you are doing until you can do what you love. Love where you are until you can be where you love. Love the people you are with until you can be with the people you love most. This is how we find happiness.

Take action. You can't change anything without taking action. There's a huge difference between knowing how to do something and actually doing it. Knowledge and intelligence are both useless without action.

Follow your intuition. Do what feels right, even if it doesn't look or sound right to others. Our human instincts are rarely ever wrong, so don't worry about what everyone else thinks. Keep living and speaking your truth.

Spend time working on something you believe in. Never put off or give up on a goal that's important to you because one day you may not

have tomorrow. Follow your heart today.

Meet someone new. Get out there and meet new people. You'll be surprised at the lessons they will teach you and the new opportunities they may present.

Exercise and eat healthy. Take care of your body. If you don't have your physical energy, your mental, emotional, and spiritual energy will be negatively affected. Those who exercise have a higher sense of self-accomplishment and self-worth.

Be a student of life. Experience, learn, and absorb all the knowledge you can. Keep your mind conditioned with fresh knowledge and new challenges. If you stay ready, you don't have to get ready when opportunities arise.

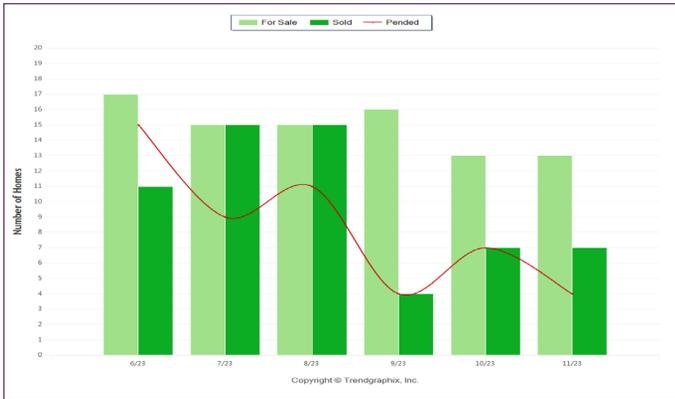
I wish you a happy, healthy new year, filled with good health, love, laughter, inner peace, and all that brings you joy.

"It's important to manage your expectations and stay focused on progress rather than immediate outcomes. Remember that the journey towards achieving your goals is just as important as reaching the destination. Each small step you take builds momentum and eventually leads you to success."

– John Assaraf



Real Estate Statistical Update by Sharon Friedman



"We remain in a slightly subdued Seller's market in the final quarter of 2023. The number of overall sales and average price per square foot showed neutral change from month to month. Median sold price decreased somewhat, and market time for list date to sale date increased. However, the average sold price vs original list price is holding steady at 99%, indicating that sellers are getting close to their asking price. As mortgage rates stabilize, buyers are becoming more willing to move forward with pent-up demand. The sustained lack of homes for sale, combined with a softening of prices will lead to increased sales as we enter the early spring selling season. Northeastern Ohio continues to be a desirable location attracting new residents from out of state, while Beachwood remains very competitive due to the quality and age of the housing stock and the excellence of schools and community amenities."

— Sharon Friedman

Homes SOLD in Beachwood

September 13, 2023 – December 13, 2023

Street	Days	List	Sold	LP/SP%	Bed	Bath	Built
E Groveland	6	210,000	225,000	107%	4	2	1954
Cedar	172	239,000	225,000	94%	4	2	1955
Halworth	12	250,000	251,000	100%	3	2	1951
Hazelmere	24	339,900	310,000	91%	3	2	1954
Bryden	27	350,000	345,000	99%	4	3	1951
Bryden	3	350,000	350,000	100%	3	2	1951
Bryden	56	365,000	352,000	96%	3	3	1957
Lyndway	49	358,200	363,000	101%	3	3	1963
Bryden	68	399,900	365,000	91%	2	2	1950
Lyndway	108	399,900	380,000	95%	3	3	1950
Glenhill	32	445,000	415,000	93%	4	3	1953
Chelsea	4	399,000	426,000	107%	3	3	1989
Bryden	3	369,000	451,250	122%	4	2	1951
N Woodland	27	489,900	475,000	97%	4	3	1974
Cedarview	18	474,900	480,000	101%	4	4	1948
S Woodland	67	585,000	543,000	93%	5	4	1975
Bernwood	6	849,000	910,000	107%	4	6	1984

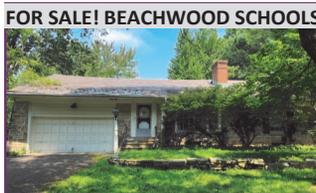
Beachwood Market Update

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24376 Hazelmere Road
List price \$399,900
3 Bed, 2.5 Bath SPLIT LEVEL



25404 Bryden Road
List price \$365,000
3 Bed, 2.5 Bath RANCH

Sharon's Recent Beachwood Listings & Sales

- SOLD 10/23 24423 Bryden Road**
listed at \$350,000
- SOLD 10/23 19 Deerfield Lane in The Village**
listed at \$409,900
- SOLD 10/23 7 Deerfield Lane in The Village**
listed at \$375,000
- SOLD 9/23 24301 Bryden Road**
listed at \$399,900
- SOLD 6/23 24410 Greenwich Lane**
listed at \$850,000
- SOLD 6/23 3 Hyde Park in The Village**
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- SOLD OVER LIST IN 3 DAYS 6/23 24860 Bryden Road**
listed at \$475,000
- SOLD OVER LIST IN 4 DAYS 5/23 2745 Sulgrave Road**
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City Council members who will be inducted on Monday, Jan. 8, include (clockwise from top right): June Taylor, Ali Stern, Danielle Shoykhet, and Jillian DeLong.

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Alice Jacobs served from 1980-2000 and Barbara Luft from 1987-1991. Judy Carlin served in 1995; she was appointed to complete an unfinished term. Barbara Bellin Janovitz, June Taylor, and Danielle Shoykhet's current term ends Monday, Jan. 8, when new council members are sworn in. Barbara began serving in 2016, June in 2021, and Danielle in 2022. The new council includes June, Danielle, Jillian DeLong, and Ali Stern.

Alice first ran for City Council in 1978 and lost by 40 votes. She was then appointed by former Mayor George Zeiger to serve on the Recreation Board. She ran again in 1980, won, and served for 20 years.

"It was a very exciting time," Alice said. "I ran for City Council because I wanted to make a contribution and hoped to pave the path for other women. I learned so much and it felt good to contribute to our community."

Alice was also the first woman to have a seat on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Her advice for women on City Council is, "Leave your personal agenda at home and do your homework. Always remember that you were elected to represent your constituents and do what is best for the city of Beachwood."

We are also featuring women in leadership roles who are employed by the city of Beachwood, because their unique blend of skills, experience, and dedication have played a crucial part in the city's

achievements. A special shoutout to Tina Turick, city administrator, who is the longest-serving female employee. She's been employed by the city for 35 years.

We prompted each woman featured on the following pages with a list of questions to consider when submitting content about her role as a leader in the city of Beachwood.

"The women on City Council and those employed by the city bring strong, diverse skills that are integral to the city's success," said Mayor Justin Berns. "We thank them for their continued dedication and for being an essential part of our team. We are proud to showcase their strength and diversity."

Women leadership also plays a strong role at the Beachwood Board of Education. The current School Board is all women: Megan Walsh, Jillian DeLong (until her term ends on Jan. 5, 2023), Kim Allamby, Dr. Josephine Chan, and Wendy Leatherberry. Megan, Josephine, and appointment for School Board, to fill Jillian's vacated seat, will be sworn in on Jan. 22, 2023.

Beachwood Schools female administrators and supervisors include: Dr. Linda H. LoGalbo, director of curriculum and instruction; Diana Maher, assistant treasurer; Jennifer Polak, director of pupil services; Arianna DeGeorge, Bryden Elementary principal; Dr. Octavia Reid, Hilltop Elementary principal; Aubrei Erkins, Beachwood High School assistant principal; Karen Leeds, preschool director; Lauren Meade, director of communications; Susan Augusta, transportation coordinator, routing; and Heather Farkas, transportation coordinator, personnel.

Thanks to all of these dedicated women who continue to work for the betterment of Beachwood.

DANIELLE SHOYKHET • CITY COUNCIL



One of the reasons I applied for the appointment to City Council in February 2022 and then ran for election is because as a female millennial with a corporate business background, I offer a unique perspective on issues that may arise and were not previously represented. As a female, it is empowering to know that I am making a

positive impact on our city by creating ordinances and developing policies. I am a collaborator, a team player, and open-minded to shared ideas and perspectives.

My vision for moving Beachwood forward is one where we can create and mold our city to be livable, smart, vibrant, sustainable, inclusive, and innovative. We need to constantly be asking what we want Beachwood to look like in the future and always have that vision in mind as we work toward our goals and objectives. I envision a safe and healthy community for generations to come.

One of my key priorities to move our city forward includes creating a green and sustainability committee. The committee would include the education and encouragement

of green initiatives, such as the installation of solar panels on both residential and commercial properties. Another key initiative of mine is the implementation of a city-wide composting program. This will improve our community's ability to adapt to climate change by helping soil absorb water and mitigate stormwater runoff which has been a recent issue in Beachwood.

Professionally, I have established an array of mentors who have contributed to shaping me as a leader by helping me build on existing qualities, such as being an active listener, creative problem solver, strategic thinker, and positive.

I attribute my advancement to the unwavering support and encouragement of my immediate family and friends. I would not be where I am today

without them. I also have a very extensive network, both professionally and personally, and have leveraged that network to my advantage and to benefit others.

It is exciting that for the first time in Beachwood history we have a majority female City Council and I am a part of it! I look forward to demonstrating to Beachwood residents, businesses, employees, and voters that women can truly do anything!

Danielle works for American Express in the Global Merchant & Network Services division. In her free time, she enjoys being a long-time member and volunteer with Junior League of Cleveland, working out, traveling, and spending time with her husband, Jeff, and their two children, Wesley (6) and Chandler (2.5).

JUNE TAYLOR • CITY COUNCIL



I am chief performance and strategy officer at Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging and was first elected to City Council in 2021. I pay it forward by being grateful and thankful for each day and treating others the way I want to be treated. As a leader, I treat my team fairly and with respect, which allows me to attract and

retain the best talent. That's my reputation locally and as a statewide leader. I also believe in *each one; teach one*.

I hired young talent for my November 2023 campaign. Beachwood High School freshman Maverick Edwards, 14, was my campaign manager. His expertise in social media was invaluable. I took Madison Ferns, 10, a fifth grader at Hilltop Middle School, under my wing and taught her how to be a campaign coordinator. She distributed literature and communicated with voters. I would not be where I am today if my mentors and coaches had not provided real world experience for me.

The citizens of Beachwood want leadership devoted to and responsive to their interests and needs regardless of gender, race, or sexual

orientation. Fortunately, Beachwood mayors have consistently recruited, retained, and promoted the best talent for every position. This has allowed our city to provide opportunities for everyone to be successful in their positions, advance, and contribute to our city's outstanding reputation and success.

For women to carve a path for maximum success, they must define success for themselves, not their friends or anyone else. They must be aware of what they are willing to invest and sacrifice to achieve their defined goal. They must define the time, education and/or training; the sacrifices they must make; and the money it will cost to achieve their goal. They must realize there are 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and write down the number of hours per week

they are willing to invest in their goal. They must also come to terms with what they are *not* willing to do: this will bring clarity. I also suggest they never hesitate to turn to a mentor or trusted advisor for guidance.

When I talk to young ladies, I always say *dream big and dream open*. You never know what door might open, and when you walk through, it's a whole new possibility to avenues that you never even thought about.

June is fearless and willing to take on the tough issues. She excels at building collaborative teams and is a master of relationship-building. She and her husband, Conrad, have one daughter, Elizabeth, who graduated from Beachwood High School in 2021. In June's spare time, she enjoys playing pickleball and traveling with her family.

JILLIAN DELONG • CITY COUNCIL



I received my bachelor's degree in accounting from Cleveland State University, was elected to Beachwood School Board in 2020 and 2022, and have been employed by Cuyahoga Community College for 14 years. I worked as a senior accountant for the first six years and am currently the manager of college assets and mail operations in the Capital and Construction Department.

I view professional success as feeling valued and recognizing that my contributions are used to better serve stakeholders. As a woman, professional success can also be associated with work-life balance. Many times, successes are followed up with questions about balancing work, home life, children, etc. People often point out how many hats women wear. Why don't they ask the same questions of men?

Professionally, I have built relationships and connections with stakeholders on all levels, from technicians, who are the boots on the ground, as well as campus presidents. As an accountant, I spent most of my day pulling data and living in Excel. As I was building relationships, people took notice. Unlike the stereotypical characteristics of an accountant, I was an extrovert who thrived on bringing people together

to problem solve and look for ways to improve processes. I was fortunate that the vice president of the Capital and Construction Department was around the corner from me. She took notice and provided an opportunity that allowed me to continue using my accounting skills, while collaborating with stakeholders on projects.

I believe that every mistake I have made has provided more clarity that allowed me to advance. I am fortunate to work in an environment where mistakes do not carry a negative connotation. Instead, they are opportunities to do better next time.

Working for Cuyahoga Community College has provided me the opportunity to mentor students and provide internships within my department. During students' internships, I attempt to expose them to as many

departments and projects as possible so that they have a hands-on learning experience.

For the past two years, I have had the pleasure of working with four women on the first all-female school board. During this time, the board has worked on several milestone projects that will shape Beachwood Schools for generations to come. We all brought different points of view to the table. We may not have always agreed, but at the end of the day, we respected each other and always came together to move Beachwood forward. I look forward to bringing the same modality to City Council.

Jillian grew up in Cleveland Heights and has lived in Beachwood for 12 years with her husband, Daniel Small, and two children: Oliver, grade 6, and Ellie, grade 5.

ALI STERN • CITY COUNCIL



I am a grant writer for The Jewish Agency for Israel and believe in asking the question, "Why?" That's why I ran for Beachwood City Council. I believe it needs a why-based approach, and I have more than a decade of experience in answering that question.

When I was fresh out of college, my boss provided advice

to say yes to every opportunity because you never know where it might lead. I did exactly that with every opportunity and challenge. As time passed, I continued to say yes to leadership positions and was always prepared to pitch in to help when needed.

In hindsight, as a mentor, I think there is greater wisdom in knowing that time is your most valuable currency and it is okay to be selective about where you spend your energy and resources. If the timing is not right to say yes, be direct, honest, and courteous.

I think women are often socialized to be peacemakers and mothers are revered for being *selfless*, but no one is served when you negate yourself. By being protective of your time, you can fully devote yourself to the right project or opportunity when it comes along.

A major issue that women in leadership roles have is the lack of affordable, reliable, and accessible childcare. Infant care is one of the greatest threats to women advancing in the workforce. The pandemic highlighted how challenging it was to maintain employment when there were minimal childcare options and the lockdown disproportionately impacted the lives of working mothers who left the workforce in higher numbers than their male counterparts.

Nearly every woman I know has anguished over finding childcare at some point, even in Beachwood, where we have access to some of the best daycare and preschool options. That being said, real systemic change on this issue will not be made until childcare is viewed as a societal concern and not just a woman's issue.

On a personal level, Shabbat is a sacred time in my family. No matter how busy I am or how much is left on my to-do list, everything comes to a stop on Friday night. Turning off electronics, quieting social media, and being fully present with family, friends, and community are deeply restorative and keep me grounded in what matters most.

My sons are growing up in an electronics' society and I view Shabbat as a gift I can provide where the world can slow down, they can go back to being kids, and we can live more simply, if only for a brief window of time.

Ali is married to Dr. Noam Stern and they have two children, Ori, age 8, and Aviv, age 5. Ali is from Boulder, Colorado. She and Noam lived in Beer Sheva, Israel, and purchased their Beachwood home in 2017.

TINA TURICK • CITY ADMINISTRATOR



Having devoted 35 years of Service to the City of Beachwood, I hold the distinction of being the longest serving female employee, having started in an entry level position. I believe that professional success and recognition are born from going over and above what you are asked and taking pride in the work you do. It

requires earning the respect of colleagues, employees, and the broader community we serve. Despite recognizing the extra challenges women might encounter on this path, my outlook remains optimistic due to the evolving landscape and encouraging shifts in stereotypes and gender roles that will ultimately benefit future generations.

Early in my career, I was fortunate to receive encouragement and support from Mayor Merle Gorden and others whose belief in my abilities propelled me to embrace new opportunities and challenges. Simultaneously, my enduring belief in overcoming any obstacle through hard work and determination has been a guiding principle, reinforcing the notion that anything is possible.

In my opinion, Beachwood has always championed

women in leadership and has demonstrated a commitment to promoting work-life balance. I am grateful for the collaborative and supportive environment that has allowed me to make my family a priority while effectively contributing to the city's success.

In 1995, the City of Beachwood hired our first female Law Director, Margaret Cannon, a well-respected member of the legal community who served the City of Beachwood for more than 20 years. I took every opportunity to watch and learn from her. She served as an inspiration and mentor to me. Her intelligence and remarkable skill in commanding attention within male-dominated environments had a lasting impact.

I am grateful for the privilege of serving the City of Beachwood and thankful

for the leadership of Mayor Justin Berns and our dedicated department directors, both men and woman, who collaborate seamlessly to make each day meaningful. This extraordinary journey is a testament to our collective efforts, highlighting the importance of a harmonious partnership between the administration and City Council. I am also thankful for the influence of inspiring men and women who have shaped my path, and I look forward to continued success and progress as we work together to lay the groundwork for an even better Beachwood.

Tina holds a bachelors in business from Ursuline College. She resides in Mentor with her husband, Mike. They are the proud parents of two daughters, who are both nurses. In her spare time, Tina enjoys spending time with family and friends.

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KATHERINE MCLAUGHLIN • CHIEF OF POLICE



I have more than two decades of law enforcement experience. Prior to coming to Beachwood, I served as the first female police chief for the Cleveland Metroparks, which encompasses 48 cities, touches six counties, and has a dive

team, a mounted unit, and marine patrol. Prior to that, I was employed at the Cleveland Heights Police Department, where I worked my way up from patrol officer to captain.

During my tenure, I worked undercover, did narcotics work, was a fingerprint expert, and was the first female member of the department's SWAT team.

I was named the first female Chief of Police for the City of Beachwood in 2021. In this role, I am responsible for more than 100 employees. I also oversee an annual operating budget of nearly \$14 million.

Our current mayor, prior mayor, fellow directors, and many of the citizens of Beachwood have been supportive of me as the

first female Chief of Police. I love it when mothers and their daughters introduce themselves to me at community events and it leads to a conversation about how they too can achieve a leadership position in any field of interest they have.

I advanced quickly in my career because I wasn't afraid to fail. I was willing to do work that others did not want to do, and then I worked hard and did that work well. For example, I studied and became the department's fingerprint expert. I was also the first woman on the SWAT team because I was willing to organize and inventory the evidence.

The Beachwood Police Department facilities are

outdated and spread out. I would love to be involved in the process of designing and building a new state-of-the-art building that will benefit the police officers and citizens of Beachwood for years to come.

Law enforcement is a tough job. I recharge my batteries by traveling, date nights with my husband at nice restaurants, shopping, and exercising.

Chief McLaughlin holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Toledo and a master's degree in criminology from the University of Cincinnati. Last year, she married Craig McLaughlin, a partner at Elk & Elk, and they have three children and one mini goldendoodle between them.

CATHERINE BIETERMAN • ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



I started my career as director of a chamber of commerce, which led me to better understand the needs of business. Today, those early experiences, coupled with development and revitalization projects, have allowed me to look creatively at economic development approaches.

I have been working in my current role since September

2022, and I view success as accomplishing the overarching goals and objectives set forth. I take pride in my proactive approach, seizing opportunities and maintaining the focus necessary to meet key objectives that align with advancing the community overall.

I believe in the profound impact of mentorship and am fortunate to have met key mentors who have inspired me, guided me, and supported my professional growth. They are incredible leaders for whom I have great respect.

To pay it forward, I mentor others who are working to achieve similar goals. I also love working with high school and college students to help them identify potential career paths. In doing so, I enjoy learning from them as well; I love to hear their emerging perspectives on business.

I'm grateful to be working with a strong network of women business owners who consistently support and engage each other's services, creating a vibrant and collaborative community.

For young professional women who would like to build a leadership career, I suggest fostering collaboration, actively seeking opportunities for leadership development, and seeking out causes that contribute to the greater good of our communities.

I am proud to work for the City of Beachwood. The staff exemplifies professionalism, unwavering dedication, diligence, and a genuine commitment to furthering the city. Beachwood fosters a high-caliber business community built upon excellence and innovation. Mayor Berns, City Council, Beachwood Schools,

and the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce have incredible support for the business community, working collectively to catalyze great initiatives for continued growth of the city's future. I am eager to continue connecting with more business owners and leaders here in the community, spearheading further collaboration to support their efforts.

My vision aligns with fulfillment of the city's Master Plan and Economic Development Action Plan, both of which include well-defined strategies that are set to propel the city forward with great strength into the future.

Outside of work, Catherine enjoys exploring parks and beautiful historic places with her daughter. They also enjoy searching for unique and vibrant-colored beach glass in the Cleveland area.

MICHELLE KAPLAN • ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR



I have been the assistant finance director for 23 years. Prior, I worked as an auditor for the Ohio State Auditor's Office. I graduated college with an accounting degree and went on to earn my CPA, a requirement for being hired in my current role.

I define professional success as being able to use my skills and knowledge to successfully run the Finance Department with financial best practices. It is about being a valued, trusted resource to all city departments, helping them achieve their departmental goals and missions as they relate to finances. If one is to believe the media, men are more likely to define success by title and money. However, that has not been my experience in Beachwood.

I've worked with two finance directors during my tenure in Beachwood, both men, who were/are completely dedicated to making sure Beachwood is financially sound and providing great service to our residents.

On a personal level, I wouldn't have been able to be as successful in my career without support from my husband and my parents. They all helped me when my kids were little. It really does take a village to raise a family.

Beachwood is a fantastic city for which to work. It is very family friendly. There is no pressure or guilt when time off is needed or schedules need to be adjusted to take care of family. I think this is a huge reason why we have so many women in leadership roles.

I am so grateful to be a part of the City of Beachwood. As a woman working in finance, typically thought of as a man's world, I feel as though I have always been valued and heard. It's why I am still here.

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Michelle is married to Jim Kaplan, a Beachwood High School graduate, class of '84. They have two boys, George and Henry.

NATHALIE SUPLER • ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR/PROSECUTOR



As assistant law director and prosecutor, I define professional success as striving for justice and fairness in every person's involvement with the Beachwood Police Department. People who I work with have either been charged with a crime or have been the victim. Regardless, I want them to leave the experience feeling as though they were respected.

I attribute my advancement to female mentors, specifically, Robin Leasure, assistant law director in Westlake, and Diane Calta, former law director in Beachwood. Both lead with common sense and empathy at all times, and have inspired me, both as mothers and attorneys. In following their lead, I now work hard to mentor individuals who are new in the field.

My top challenge is maintaining a work-life balance. My current pregnancy has been especially difficult and I have two young children at home. I am a full-time mother and a full-time attorney. Even with an amazing, supportive partner, it is difficult to be the default parent while maintaining full-time employment.

I pay it forward by helping to train law clerks in the department and being available to answer questions from

students who show interest in the law or a legal issue. It is fun to show young, soon-to-be attorneys all the areas encompassed in municipal law and try to correct some of the misperceptions.

I'm proud to be a woman leader in Beachwood. The city takes inclusion seriously, as witnessed by its trailblazing action of hiring a woman police chief. I also credit City Council members, past and present, for nurturing an *open-door* policy to ensure that staff feels valued and heard.

Since professional relationships are influenced by your reputation, it is important to have hard, truthful conversations to garner people's trust. To advance, you have to be willing to speak up, while recognizing that you may be criticized and that not everyone will like you. The key to long-

term success is to be steady, reliable, and trustworthy.

The recent election is a testament to the direction in which Beachwood is headed. The number of women elected to City Council will be inspirational to young women who don't think they can become politically active or work in public administration. I think it will be a positive, productive change to City Council and I expect there will be thoughtful, fair, and cooperative discourse to move the city forward.

Nathalie is married to Ryan. Their kids, Josie and Rocco, keep her humble. The minute Nathalie leaves work, she does her best to be present as the purveyor of snacks, changer of diapers, and craft master to her kids. As a family, they spend enjoy spending time outdoors with their chocolate lab, Sherman.

DANA CANZONE • HUMAN RESOURCE ADMINISTRATOR



an achievement or goal, or their child's school picture. Connecting with the employees means everything to me.

Throughout my career, I have been very fortunate to have had mentors who have seen positive attributes in me that I didn't necessarily see in myself. With the help of others, I've learned patience, active listening, and empathy. People tell me I have a calm, friendly demeanor that makes them feel comfortable.

I started my career in 1998 in an entry-level position at the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services and was hired by the City of Beachwood in 2015. Some people define success by titles and salaries. I felt successful in Beachwood once I earned the trust of the employees. Every day, someone shares a piece of their life with me – a personal problem,

Sadly, I have encountered women who allow envy to interfere with their working relationships. One woman's success should never feel threatening to another. Poor attitudes bring toxicity to the work environment and people pick up on it. Once a woman has established an unflattering reputation, it is difficult to recover.

I am thankful to multiple people who have influenced the trajectory of my career, so I seize every possible opportunity to coach others, build a resume, conduct a practice interview, write a recommendation, or give advice. Helping others is a gratifying part of the journey.

I have witnessed a significant culture shift in the eight years I've worked for the City of Beachwood. The promotion of women into positions of authority has become a source of pride for the city. Mayor Berns and the male members of the administration fully support and value each one of us. The appointment of the first female police chief was a highlight in my career; I was thrilled to be a part of it.

I have found that many women assign too much weight to what other people think. My advice to others is to be yourself,

never apologize for who you are, and always be honest, even when it's uncomfortable. Handle difficult situations with grace, and advocate for yourself when necessary.

Human Resources can be incredibly challenging, but also very rewarding. There is always something new and interesting happening, which can be a gift and a curse. I couldn't be more proud to serve in this role and have the opportunity to advocate for the advancement of women in the workplace.

Dana grew up in Mentor and attended Bowling Green State University and the University of Akron. She is married to Tony and they have a daughter, Mia, and two beagles, both rescues. In her free time, she decompresses by reading, walking her dogs, cooking, and practicing yoga and Pilates.

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Kelly Resek, Carol Morrison, Whitney Crook, Brittany Rutkowski, Shannon Diamond, and Veronica Muth. *Not pictured: Susan Gordon Merdler*

SHANNON DIAMOND • PROGRAM MANAGER

Shannon is a mastermind behind successful events and day camps, ensuring safety and enjoyment for everyone involved. She has been employed by Beachwood for 23 years and is a reliable liaison between departments. “I delight in the interactions and smiles of residents and visitors. They create cherished memories for families and reconnect me with my Beachwood roots.”

VERONICA MUTH • PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Veronica has been employed by the Beachwood Building Department for 18 years. During her tenure, she has gained a substantial amount of knowledge from working directly with staff and the public. “I value communication, teamwork, and persistence, and see how they benefit the workplace.”

SUSAN GORDON MERDLER • SENIOR ADULT MANAGER

Susan is grateful for opportunities to provide life-enriching experiences through participation in programs that focus on well-being. She also curates art exhibits, schedules summer concerts, and coordinates use of the Beachwood Community Center. “Diverse projects have made my work varied and interesting over the past 25 years. If something doesn’t work well, I go back to the drawing board!”

KELLY RESEK • CLERK OF COURTS FOR THE BEACHWOOD MAYOR’S COURT

Kelly is grateful for many opportunities earned during her 22 years with the City of Beachwood. “It’s an honor working with this team of women that makes such valuable contributions to our city.”

WHITNEY CROOK • CLERK OF COUNCIL/CIVIL SERVICE SECRETARY

Whitney is responsible for drafting legislation; preparing public hearing notices, agendas, and packets; scheduling committee meetings and other events; coordinating Civil Service Commission testing; and attending all city-related meetings. “My job means everything to me and I take great pride in my performance. I enjoy the people with whom I work. We are a team that works together for what is best for the city of Beachwood.”

CAROL MORRISON • PURCHASING SUPERVISOR

Carol has dedicated 27 years to serving the Beachwood community. “I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the positive growth and development of a city that fosters and promotes collaboration and unity.”

BRITTANY RUTKOWSKI • MAYOR’S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Brittany started her career with the city 10 years ago as an administrative assistant in the Public Works Department. Two years ago she transitioned to her current role in the mayor’s office. “I have thoroughly enjoyed learning the complexities of municipal governance and am dedicated to fostering the prosperity of Beachwood and its residents. I look forward to the prospect of furthering my career within the mayor’s office and continuing to contribute to the advancement and well-being of this community.”

Political Maverick Brings in the Votes

By Arlene Fine

At age 14, Maverick Edwards is a political force to be reckoned with. He managed June E. Taylor's recent reelection campaign to Beachwood City Council and has volunteered in the elections of such political notables as Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb, U.S. Rep. Shontel Brown, Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne, Judge Joan Synenberg, and Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine. Closer to home, the Beachwood High School freshman led a successful election campaign this year to be named BHS 2027 Student Council president.

"I really like grassroots campaigning where I get in the trenches and work for the candidates I believe in," said Maverick. "I've spent countless hours going door to door explaining the need to get out and vote, especially for the candidates or issues I support. I make every campaign my utmost priority and am keenly aware that election campaigning does not stop until the polls close."

Maverick's involvement in Councilwoman Taylor's campaign has been his crowning achievement so far. After helping the councilwoman get enough signatures on her candidate's petition,

he handled all her media, including daily postings on Instagram and Facebook. He managed the placement of yard signs, developed a donor list, and helped set up her busy campaign schedule.

The importance of talking and listening to voters is a key take-away from Councilwoman Taylor's campaign. "Nothing beats personal contact with voters where you hear up close and personal what is truly on their minds," said Maverick. "Councilwoman Taylor won because she heard what voters wanted and campaigned on a platform of what's best for the city and the residents come first."



Councilwoman June Taylor and her campaign manager, Maverick Edwards.



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— Maverick Edwards

Councilwoman Taylor said much of her campaign's success was due to Maverick's assistance. "Maverick was an incredible asset to my campaign. His internet and social media skills proved invaluable and helped me get my message across to Beachwood residents. His political savvy is unmatched, and he is light years ahead of his age in campaign strategy and communications."

Reflecting on today's political scene, Maverick maintains he is not disillusioned by the intense polarization and intra-party fighting. "If you stay true to yourself and your moral values, and remain willing to consider both sides of an issue, you can best serve the voters," said Maverick. "Councilwoman Taylor

taught me to stay steadfast to my commitments and never compromise on what I believe to be best for everyone."

Maverick credits much of his self-discipline and positive upbringing to his grandfather, Dale Edwards, chief executive director and editor of the *Call & Post*, and to his grandmother, Ronnell Edwards.

"My grandfather helped raise me and is a constant source of inspiration, guidance, and wisdom; and my late grandmother always believed in me," said Maverick. "I am grateful to attend BHS, where I am receiving an outstanding education. I enjoy playing on the football and wrestling teams, and being part of the Minority Achievement Committee (MAC) Scholars program, which is designed to support and encourage high academic achievement and engagement in African-American students."

As he contemplates his future, Maverick plans to major in political science in college, eventually running for a seat in the U.S. Senate and ultimately for the job of President of the United States. "Even though I am only 14, I have learned you are never too young to follow your dreams and that you can do anything if you set your mind to it."

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Sisters tie beautiful amulets made of strings adorned with ornate decorations on the wrists of brothers to express affection. Brothers, in return, pledge to uphold the sibling bond by protecting their sisters from any difficulty that comes their way in life. This custom, celebrated in the month of August on the Indian sub-continent, has evolved in modern times to connect communities of different religious and cultural backgrounds. Through this guided and fun-filled activity, these beautiful creations will help you express your love and friendship for the persons who hold a special place in your heart.



Ileen Kelner Juried High School Art Show

Sunday, Feb. 25 – Friday, March 29

Beachwood Community Center

Gallery Hours: Monday – Friday • 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Weekends: Call 216.292.1970 for available hours

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Beachwood Men's Softball League Celebrates 70 Years

The Beachwood Men's Softball League, started by Manny Baden and Leo Weiss in 1954, proudly celebrates its 70-year anniversary. On Tuesday, Nov. 21, current players celebrated the league's 2023 season and Larry Adelman's retirement. The event took place at Pinstripes, with guest speaker Andy Baskin. Larry's wife, Joanne, surprised Larry to support him and celebrate with the league that Larry has helped build.

Larry joined the league as a player in 1976, became a manager in 1987, and a commissioner in 2011. He was sworn into the Beachwood Men's Softball League Hall of Fame in 2012. He also played in the Cleveland Major Slow League and JRC League, the latter of which also earned him Hall of Fame honors.

In recognition of the league's 70 years, Larry's retirement, and newly inducted Hall of Fame members, Jim Heller and Ed Bernstein planned the event, where Jim presented a city proclamation on behalf of Mayor Justin Berns and City Council. Jim and Ed then presented Larry a league jacket and gift card to The Capital Grille.

The Beachwood Men's Softball League is one of the oldest leagues in the country. It operates with eight teams, includes many families of multi-generational players, and holds tryouts and a draft every year. To document all of the family ties since the league's inception, Jim and Larry Wolkoff, a league player and manager, are tasking themselves to create a chart that will display all relatives who have played on the league and when.

Games are played at Fairmount School, Hilltop Elementary School, and Solon Community Park. Men are eligible to participate in the league when 23 years of age, or at 20 if they have an older relative playing.

League commissioners are now Ed Bernstein, Dick Cohen, Jim Heller, and Zach Marcus. Ed joined in 1988, became a manager in 2002, and a commissioner in 2018. Jim joined in 1971 and became a commissioner in 1980. Dick joined in 1965 and became a commissioner in 1978; and Zach joined in 2011, became a manager in 2017, and a commissioner in 2023.

Commissioners led the awards' presentations, followed by Andy's narrative – often delivered with humor – about the league and sports in general. Andy also plugged Beachwood 100 (www.beachwood100.org) because he was so impressed with the group after being master of ceremonies at its recent banquet.

Congratulations to all commissioners, managers, and players on a successful 2023 season!

Batting Championship (.808)

Jake Fetherolf

Rookie of the Year

Jake Fetherolf

Hall of Fame Inductees

Steve Berris, Ed Bloom, Rob LaRiccica, and Josh Neidus. Steve Hartstein was inducted posthumously.

First-half Champions

Black Team
Todd Adelman and Fred Gross, managers

Round Robin Champions

Purple Team
Scott Bilsky and Brad Meyer, managers

Season Champions

Gray Team
Michael Gottfried and Ralph Dirusso, managers

Legends Game

The Heller Heroes edged the Adelman Army 6-4, and the best surprise of the four-inning game was that no one got hurt!

All-Star Game

The Odd Team beat the Even Team 12-11 in a nine-inning thriller. The most exciting aspect of the game was when Brett Bryner, who showed up late, in his first at bat, hit a grand-slam home run over the left field fence to make the game a one-run game in the 8th inning after the Odd Team trailed earlier by as many as seven runs. In the bottom of the 9th with the score tied, Josh Neidus hit a sacrifice fly to score Michael Tucker with the winning run. Michael was also the winning pitcher.

After the official awards were presented, Larry acknowledged Kevin Laux for his persistence in overrunning third base by presenting him a third-base memento that invited him to "stick around sometime!"



From top:

- Larry Adelman, Joanne Adelman, Jim Heller, and Todd Adelman celebrate Larry's retirement.
- Hall of Fame inductees: Mitch Seifert, who accepted the award in memory of Steve Hartstein, Steve Berris, Josh Neidus, Eddie Bloom, and Rob LaRiccica.
- Larry presents a third-base memento to Kevin Laux.
- Jake Fetherolf receives Rookie of the Year and Batting Championship awards.

Special thanks to 50/50 raffle winner Bob Heksch for donating his winnings back to the league.

The league's 2024 tryouts will take place April 28 and May 5, weather dependent. For more information, contact Jim at jbheller117@gmail.com, Ed at ed.bernstein@att.net, or Zach at zmarcus34@gmail.com. You may also visit www.beachwoodsoftball.com.

The Larry Adelman Story: History, Strength, and Determination

Presented by Jim Heller

I have had the pleasure of playing with many players and making a lot of friends in the 47 years that I have participated in the Beachwood Men's Softball League. Back when I started, there were only two commissioners, Dick Cohen and Ira Novak, and 12 managers.

Although growing the league was a slow process, it continues to improve as more players join. In 1980, Ira stepped down as a commissioner and I stepped up. Manny Nathan then became a commissioner in 1985 and Larry in 2011.

In 1992, Larry's son, Todd, joined the league, followed by his son-in-law, Leland Vincent, and two of his grandsons, Reid Adelman and Caden Vincent. Today, the league is multi-generational with two or more generations from many families participating. It is the family ties and camaraderie that make this league so unique.

In 2012, Larry worked with players, managers, and commissioners to develop new programs, which included the Legends Game, All-Star Game, and Hall of Fame. To date, 61 players have been inducted into the Hall of Fame, including tonight's five inductees.

Larry's presence will be missed. Thirty-five years as a player and 12 as a commissioner demonstrate a strong commitment to the league and Larry's love of softball.

We wish him the best in his retirement and look forward to seeing him at the fields. Larry, be well and safe, and enjoy your family.

"It really brings a tear to my eye to see the camaraderie that has developed and continues to exist among the players of this league."
– Larry Adelman

Larry's Comments:

I can't thank you enough for the accolades you bestowed upon me. The work that I put into this league has been a labor of love.

I was presented wonderful opportunities over the past 47 years to be a player, manager, and commissioner. I had the opportunity to make many lifetime friends and to be around the sport that I have loved all my life. Plus, it's been a dream come true to play with my son, son-in-law, and two of my grandsons. It doesn't get any better than that.

It really brings a tear to my eye to see the camaraderie that has developed and continues to exist among the players of this league.

I look forward to witnessing continued growth in the league as it thrives well into the future. To coin a phrase, "There comes a time in every man's life when all good things come to an end." Being a commissioner has been a fantastic run. I still plan to coach, will give advice as requested, and hope to continue presenting Hall of Famers at upcoming banquets for the infinite number of years I'll be granted.

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Brad Goldberg Named Guardians' Bullpen Coach

Congratulations to Brad Goldberg on his recent appointment to bullpen coach for the Cleveland Guardians. Brad, an All-Big Ten pitcher at Ohio State, was selected in the 10th round by the White Sox in the 2013 MLB Draft.

An International League All-Star at Charlotte in 2016, Brad moved up through the Sox's farm system and was promoted to the big leagues in June 2017.

He also pitched for Team Israel in the 2017 World Baseball Classic.

In 2021, Brad was hired to start the season as a member of the Cleveland Guardians' minor league pitching coach staff, working on player development. In February 2023, he was named pitching coach of the Akron RubberDucks, the Double-A affiliate of the Cleveland Guardians. He was then

promoted to bullpen coach of the Guardians on November 28.

"I'm extremely excited to get to work for my hometown team," Brad told us. "I can't wait to get out to Arizona for spring training. This is a really exciting time for the organization. I look forward to working with the players and staff to do our best to bring a World Series home to Cleveland!"

Brad is a Beachwood High School graduate, class of 2008.



Photo courtesy of the Cleveland Guardians

Out of this World Exhibit – Beachwood Art Gallery

April 6 - April 27

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BCC Spirit of Success Awards Banquet



The Beachwood Chamber of Commerce will host its Spirit of Success Awards Banquet on Thursday, Jan. 18, 6-9 p.m., at the Cleveland Marriott East, 23600 Harvard Rd.

This celebration will highlight businesses and individuals who are working to making a difference in our community.

"As we eagerly anticipate the upcoming Chamber of Commerce Spirit of Success Awards Banquet, we're thrilled to celebrate the remarkable achievements that define our community's spirit," said David Lapierre, BCC director. "We look forward to a night of inspiration and camaraderie and your presence will add to the joy of this prestigious event. It's a great way to celebrate superstars in our community."

Standout businesses and individuals will be recognized in the following categories:

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- Business of the Year
- Chamber Member of the Year
- Nonprofit of the Year
- Extra Mile Award
- Women of the Year
- Young Professional of the Year
- Health Care Hero

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This event is open to the public. Tickets are \$75 per person. For details and to register, visit www.beachwood.org. The Chamber's mission is to connect and engage the Beachwood community through business development, networking, and other opportunities.



Maltz Museum Free Programming in Honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage announces a special opportunity for the community to come together on Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 15, to celebrate the life and legacy of the iconic civil rights activist. The all-day event is free and open to the public, and features the following programming:

Wesley Lowery, Pulitzer Prize winner, journalist, and Shaker Heights native
The Temple-Tifereth Israel
1 p.m.

The Maltz Museum, in partnership with The Temple-Tifereth Israel, invites the public to join Wesley Lowery as he discusses his *New York Times* bestseller, *American Whiteness: A Changing Nation and the Cost of Progress* (Harper Collins, 2023). The book confronts the sickness at the heart of American society: the cyclical pattern of violence that has marred every moment of racial progress in this country and the bloodshed that began anew following Obama's 2008 election. Interweaving deep historical analysis with gripping firsthand reporting on both victims and perpetrators of violence, Wesley uncovers how this vicious cycle is carrying us into ever more perilous territory, how the federal government has failed to intervene, and how we still might find a route of escape. Audience Q&A and book signing follows.

Registrations are encouraged to guarantee seating. Visit www.maltzmuseum.org/MLK or call 216.593.0575.

Civil Rights Storytelling
Maltz Museum
11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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Maltz Museum
12 and 4 p.m.

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Stop the Hate Essay Writing Workshop for Students
Maltz Museum
1 p.m.

During this one-hour workshop designed for students in grades 6-12, Lake Erie Ink will provide insight on how to craft a personal essay that tells a powerful story. Learn tips and tricks for essay writing to gain an edge in the competition – and for future college applications!

Tour Museum Galleries and Participate in Hands-on Crafts and Activities
Maltz Museum
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

See the treasures in The Temple-Tifereth Israel Gallery, and share in the Jewish immigrant experience of An American Story. Explore the special exhibition, *The Girl in the Diary: Searching for Rywka from the Lodz Ghetto*, while enjoying hands-on activities on this family-friendly day!

For more information and to register please visit www.maltzmuseum.org/MLK or call 216.593.0575.

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Embrace a Healthier New Year with Physical Therapy: A Fresh Start for Your Well-being



As the calendar flips to a new year, it's the perfect time to prioritize your health and well-being. If you're considering resolutions for the coming year, why not make a commitment to start the year on a healthy note with physical therapy? Physical therapy is not just for recovering from injuries; it can be a proactive step toward maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle. Let's explore how embracing physical therapy can set the tone for a fulfilling and vibrant year ahead.

1. Assessing Your Health:

Begin your journey to a healthier you by scheduling a comprehensive physical therapy assessment. A skilled physical therapist can evaluate your overall physical condition, identify potential problem areas, and tailor a personalized plan to address your specific needs. This assessment serves as a roadmap, guiding you toward optimal health and function.

2. Preventive Care:

Physical therapy isn't only about treating existing issues; it's also a powerful tool for preventive care. By addressing any imbalances or weaknesses in your body, you can reduce the risk of future injuries and complications. This proactive approach to health empowers you

to take control of your well-being and avoid potential setbacks.

3. Enhancing Mobility and Flexibility:

As we age, our bodies naturally experience a decline in mobility and flexibility. Physical therapy interventions, such as targeted exercises and stretching routines, can help improve joint mobility and flexibility. This not only enhances your overall physical performance but also reduces the risk of injuries related to stiffness and decreased range of motion.

4. Managing Chronic Conditions:

If you're living with a chronic condition, physical therapy can be a vital component of your health management plan. Whether you're dealing with arthritis, diabetes, or heart disease, a customized physical therapy program can help you manage symptoms, improve function, and enhance your overall quality of life.

5. Strengthening Core Muscles:

A strong core is the foundation of a healthy body. Physical therapists are experts in designing exercises that target and strengthen your core muscles. By focusing on your core, you not only improve your posture and stability but also reduce the risk of back pain and other musculoskeletal issues.

6. Mental Well-being:

Physical therapy doesn't just benefit your body; it also contributes to mental well-being. Regular physical activity releases endorphins, which are natural mood lifters. Additionally, the sense of accomplishment and progress achieved through physical therapy can boost your confidence and positively impact your mental health.

7. Establishing Healthy Habits:

Embarking on a physical therapy journey is an excellent way to establish and reinforce healthy habits. From regular exercise routines to mindful movement, physical therapy instills practices that contribute to a healthier lifestyle. These habits, when cultivated consistently, become a cornerstone of your overall well-being.



As you step into the new year, consider making physical therapy a cornerstone of your commitment to a healthier and more active lifestyle. Consult with a Balance Solutions physical therapist to create a personalized plan that aligns with your goals and aspirations. By prioritizing your physical health, you're not only investing in the present but also laying the foundation for a future filled with vitality and well-being.

- Kelly Beaudoin, CEO
Balance Solutions Physical Therapy, Inc

Cheers to a
healthier you in the
upcoming year!

Bob Jacob Inducted into Press Club of Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame

Bob Jacob became managing editor at the *Cleveland Jewish News* in February 2011 and was promoted to editor in January 2023. He is also editor of the *Columbus Jewish News* and the *Akron Jewish News*.

For his dedication, legacy, and far-reaching contributions to the Northeast Ohio journalism community, Jacob was inducted into the Press Club of Cleveland's Journalism Hall of Fame on Nov. 28, 2023.

"All of us at the Cleveland Jewish Publication Company are thrilled to see Bob being recognized in this manner," said Kevin S. Adelstein, publisher and CEO of the *Cleveland Jewish News*, president of the Cleveland Jewish Publication Company, and also vice president of the Press Club of Cleveland.

"Bob's induction in the prestigious Press Club of Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame is a momentous occasion, placing him among a select group of esteemed honorees who have left an indelible mark on our city's journalistic legacy. His dedication to the craft, coupled with a passion for storytelling, has not only shaped the narrative of the *Cleveland Jewish News*, but has also contributed significantly to the broader tapestry of our global community," Kevin added. "As he takes his place alongside other luminaries in the Hall of Fame, we applaud Bob for his outstanding contributions and congratulate him and all of the honorees for this very well-deserved honor."

Bob has been a journalist for more than 45 years. When he came to the *CJN*, he wanted to use his experience acquired at secular newspapers to cover Northeast Ohio's Jewish community and ensure the Cleveland Jewish Publication Company would be viable into the future.

"The board of directors wanted the *CJN* to become more timely and relevant," Bob said as he recalled the website was then updated only on Thursdays – almost one week after stories appeared in print. "No one person does anything alone. We have a talented team that works together."

Bob has led newspapers that have consistently received statewide recognition for their news coverage. The *CJN* has

captured about 300 journalism awards in the past six years, including being named the best non-daily newspaper in the state in six of the past eight years – most of those by the Press Club of Cleveland.

"My passion for journalism remains as strong as it was when I started 45 years ago," Bob said. "I give monumental thanks to my family for supporting my career and making my busy and unpredictable schedule possible."

Bob also has won individual awards for design, news writing, feature writing, obituary writing, travel writing, breaking news writing, photography, column writing, and headline writing.

Carol Kovach, chairperson of the Press Club of Cleveland's Hall of Fame committee and treasurer of the organization, said, "Bob was selected because of his longtime commitment to not just Jewish journalism, but to local journalism and beyond. He stood out for the impact he's had on Cleveland journalism for decades. He's paid his professional dues, worked hard, and really put the time and effort into his career."

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Bob is a graduate of Cleveland State University and Cleveland Heights High School. He is on the board of the American Jewish Press Association, where he has also served as an officer, and is the chair of its Rockower Awards contest. In 2020, he received the Kol Israel Foundation Media Award and in 2016, he was inducted into the Cleveland Heights Softball Hall of Fame.



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In 2021, he received the AJPA's Bob Cohn Volunteer of the Year Award for his efforts with the Rockower Awards. When he's not working, Bob enjoys playing basketball and he recently started playing pickleball. He also enjoys attending as many of his grandchildren's activities as possible.

"I feel very fortunate I've been able to have this long of a career in Northeast Ohio and to finish my career at the *Cleveland Jewish News*," he said. "And I am eternally grateful for the Press Club of Cleveland for recognizing me, along with the other award winners."

Bob lives in Beachwood with his wife, Debby. They have been married 42 years and have three adult children and seven grandchildren: son Danny and daughter-in-law Ruth and their children, Aharon, Elisheva, Avi, Ariella and Elana; daughter Jenny and son-in-law Randy and their children, Dylan and Rylee; and son Adam and daughter-in-law Lindsey. Adam is a senior account executive at the *CJN* and *Beachwood Buzz*.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

—Eleanor Roosevelt



So What's Going on with Marijuana and Issue 2?

By State Senator Kent Smith

Happy 2024 everyone. This past November, Ohioans passed two historic statewide issues. As you know, with the passage of Issue 1, Ohioans made abortion access safe and legal. When Issue 2 passed, we made the consumption of recreational marijuana legal for Ohioans over the age of 21.

While both issues passed, there are differences between the two outcomes based on what type of ballot initiative was approved.

Issue 1 was a constitutional amendment and is nearly impossible to change without another vote of the people and Issue 2 was an initiated statute that can be changed by the legislature.

If the legislature didn't make any changes to the Issue 2 legalization language, the new adult-use marijuana ballot measure would have taken effect as it was passed by voters on December 7.

Before we cover what the legislature did, let me tell you how I was trying to improve Ohio's new adult-use marijuana law.

If you live in Cuyahoga County you may know that voters passed excise tax levies on cigarettes in 2006 and 2015 to help fund arts and culture programs, artists, and organizations.

The amount of revenue from those levies has steadily declined over time so I offered an amendment to the Senate version of the marijuana law that would allow Ohio counties to create a 3% excise tax on

marijuana sales for arts and culture, subject to the approval of the voters.

The good news is that amendment became part of the Senate version of the marijuana legalization bill which included other positive provisions like an immediate start date for legal marijuana sales, additional dollars for public health programs, and an expungement program for some low-level possession convictions. That is why I was a yes vote on that legislation.

The bad news is the State House never concurred with the Senate language.

So can the Ohio Legislature still make changes to the marijuana legalization language in 2024? Yes. Will they? I think so. I just hope the final version of the bill will be in the spirit of the November 7 election results and that it will include my provision to help Ohio arts and culture institutions and professionals. Stay tuned, Ohio, and Happy New Year.

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



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THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE **A HISTORIC MILESTONE FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

I hope this issue of the City Insider finds you in good health and high spirits. As we begin the new year, I'd like to amplify some exciting news that underscores the progress and inclusivity of our community.

As the cover story in this issue of the *Buzz* reveals, for the first time in Beachwood's history, the composition of our City Council includes a female majority.

This is not just a milestone, it's a leap forward toward a more inclusive and representative local government. This achievement became a reality when our community elected Jillian DeLong and Ali Stern to serve four-year terms. They are joining other electoral winners/incumbents Danielle Shoykhet and June Taylor.

In addition to celebrating this historic milestone, I also want to acknowledge and commend the remarkable women who hold pivotal management positions within our organization, all featured in the cover story. We depend heavily on each one of them for their skill and expertise. With the wealth of perspectives from our entire management team, both men and women, we have a fine balance shaping decisions that affect all of us.

By breaking through gender barriers, Beachwood is setting an inspiring example for aspiring leaders, particularly young women. This sends a powerful message that anyone, regardless of gender, can achieve career success without a ceiling that limits them.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the voters of Beachwood for making this historic moment possible. It is with great pleasure that I personally welcome new council members Jillian DeLong and Ali Stern. I also extend my gratitude to our incumbents June Taylor, Danielle Shoykhet,

Alec Isaacson, Eric Synenberg and Josh Mintz for their hard work and dedication to the City of Beachwood.

Looking forward to 2024, I anticipate continued progress for our city. To reflect

on 2023, we are holding our State of the City event on Wednesday, February 21. Information about this event will be disseminated through the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce, which is hosting and managing the details. A State of the City booklet will be published and available online that will cover many of the points made at the event.

As Mayor, my mission is to lead our city toward a future defined by unity, diversity and progress. We are committed to building a community that values inclusivity and transparency in all aspects. With a focus on fiscal responsibility, we strive to ensure the

prudent use of resources, guaranteeing a prosperous and equitable city for generations to come. Best wishes to all in the New Year.

Mayor Justin Berns
MayorBerns@beachwoodohio.com



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LEGISLATIVE RECAP

The legislation below includes the November 20, December 4 and December 11 council meetings.

2023-121 – Council approved legislation on December 11 to extend the Eaton TIF District in support of long-term planning for future infrastructure needs. This extension will ensure that a future City Council will have the ability to use these TIF resources to support the financing of future public improvements. The school district will remain whole as this extension is a non-school TIF. The Ordinance was first heard on November 20 and placed on second reading on December 4.

2023-122 – Council approved the Bills Ordinance authorizing payment for various professional services totaling \$90,981.20.

2023-123 – Council placed an ordinance regarding the 2024 budget on first reading November 20 and passed it on December 4, 2024.

2023-124 – Council authorized the City to dispose of a surplus property (2011 six-passenger golf cart) no longer needed for public use and authorized its sale on GovDeals.com.

2023-125 – Council approved legislation authorizing the renewal of our annual support of VEEAM software used to back up our network for a three-year period totaling \$33,897.76.

2023-126 – Council passed legislation extending the School Facilities Usage Agreement through February 29, 2024.

2023-127 – Council approved legislation extending the moratorium relating to Dollar Stores, Second Hand Stores, Vape Shops, etc. for another 90-day period.

2023-128 – Council accepted the bid from Comfort Systems USA for the acquisition and installation of five heating units for the Public Works garage in a total amount of \$98,500.00.

2023-129 – Council accepted a bid from G&B Electric Company for an LED parking lot lighting project for a total amount not to exceed \$102,600. The City will use \$89,600 in NOPEC funds for this project.

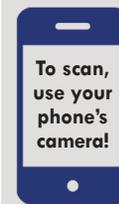
2023-130 – Council authorized the Mayor to enter into Change Order No. 1 with CATTs Construction, Inc., for the Green-Bryden Storm Sewer Improvement. The City of Shaker Heights requested additional work totaling \$10,000 and are responsible for 100% of the cost of the change. Because the City of Beachwood holds the contract, it was necessary for us to approve the change.

2023-131 – Council passed legislation authorizing the Mayor to renew a contract with Ohio Machinery Co., DBA Ohio CAT, for the maintenance of the City's generators for three years (2024-2026) at a cost of \$18,548 per year.

2023-132 – Council authorized the Mayor to amend a contract with Signal Service for Traffic Signal monitoring and maintenance for 2023 and 2024.

LIVE & RECORDED MEETINGS

Scan the QR code or visit our website at BeachwoodOhio.com/WatchMeetings.



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Meeting agendas, minutes including legislation, live and recorded meetings are available on our website at BeachwoodOhio.com or please attend an upcoming meeting.

2023-133 – Council accepted a bid from NEXGEN Integration, for the purchase of a mobile camera trailer in the amount of \$67,535.

2023-134 – The Jewish Federation came before the Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council seeking approval to place a temporary sign (art) to be located at 25701 Science Park. Council accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved the preliminary and final site plan, granting several temporary variances with certain stipulations.

2023-135 – Council approved an ordinance establishing a Community Reinvestment Agreement for Bane Holdings LLC and Skoda Dentistry for the purposes of demolishing an existing underutilized and blighted property and constructing a new Class A office building.

2023-136 – Council approved the Bills Ordinance authorizing payment for various professional services totaling \$64,488.92.

2023-137 – Council passed legislation amending the contract with GPD Group for Engineering Services for the contract beginning in 2023 and ending in 2025.

2023-138 – Council authorized an expenditure of not to exceed \$40,000 for the 2024 Tree Planting Program.

2023-139 – Council adopted the 2024 Administrative Salary Ordinance providing for a 4% wage adjustment for administrative employees.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Council passed a motion to advertise for bids for the 2024 Street Striping Program.

2023-11 – Council passed a resolution creating the Beachwood Regenerative Forgivable Loan program and the Beachwood Regenerative Commercial Office Building Loan Program. Both will be used to promote business attraction and retention efforts.

More information regarding these agenda items and backup materials can be found on our website. BeachwoodOhio.com/AgendaCenter

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
January 8 at 7:00 p.m.
January 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
January 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Architectural Board of Review:
January 8 at 4:30 p.m.
January 22 at 4:30 p.m.

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2024

Presented by the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce

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Save The Date!

Wednesday, February 21



Location: Eaton
1000 Eaton Blvd.

3:30 p.m. - Networking

4:30 p.m. - Program

5:30 p.m. - Wrap Up

Attendance by RSVP only!

Limited capacity. Registration coming soon.



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BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:

Celebrating Black History Month through Creative Expression | January 10-February 19

Artists' reception on Sunday, January 21, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. inside the Beachwood Community Center.

NOMINATE YOUR HOMETOWN HERO

The Beachwood Historical Society and City of Beachwood are collaborating to celebrate our Hometown Heroes once again in 2024! Nominations are currently being accepted online through Thursday, February 29, at BeachwoodOhio.com/HeroNominations.

A successful nominee actively displays the following criteria in their everyday life:

- Must be a resident or individual who works in the city
- Makes a positive impact on the city
- Helps improve the city and society
- Shows dedication to helping others
- Displays courage, care and concern
- Contributions and accomplishments have enhanced Beachwood

Heroes will be celebrated in May with a special ceremony at the Hometown Heroes garden display in Beachwood's City Park West on Shaker Boulevard.



The 2023 class of Hometown Heroes pictured with Mayor Justin Berns.

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO NOMINATE
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HEY SENIORS, NEED A LIFT?

Free door-to-door wheelchair lift equipped van service is available for Beachwood residents 60 years and older and those with disabilities living in an independent living setting. This service is not meant to supply all transportation needs, but is a supplemental service. Rides are available for medical appointments, shopping, banking, and social/recreational activities like Beachwood's Senior Day Out. There is no guarantee of the van's availability for requested dates and times, but our Community Services staff will do everything possible to accommodate essential appointments.

Service Area & Hours: This service is provided to destinations within the eastern suburbs of Cuyahoga County and the University Circle area. Offered Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

How To Sign Up: Call Shelly Drenski at 216.292.1971 to register. One-time registration is required to determine eligibility before utilization of a van service. The City of Beachwood reserves the right to determine eligibility.

High Five to Beachwood Drivers

How do we carry on with our lives,
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You all provide such an important service. Know that you are greatly appreciated. May your hopes and dreams be fulfilled in 2024.

Lois Kaye,
Beachwood Resident

HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION:

Due to New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day, rubbish and recycling will not be collected on Monday, Jan. 1 and Monday, Jan. 15. Collections will be delayed one day for those weeks only.

YOUR RECOVERY COUNSELING

The City of Beachwood welcomes Your Recovery Counseling. Sadigoh Galloway is the president and CEO, pouring her passion and soul into the center. The grand opening on November 17 was filled with family, friends, staff and clients who are all dedicated to healing through recovery counseling and helping clients achieve stability and reduce barriers. The ceremony was attended by Mayor Berns, Economic Development Director Catherine Bieterman and City Council members Josh Mintz and Danielle Shoykhet. Your Recovery Counseling is located at 23811 Chagrin Blvd., Suite 105. Learn more at yourrecoverystarts.com.



Sadigoh Galloway (middle) holding the ribbon cutting scissors happily surrounded by family, friends and staff at the grand opening.

CLEVELAND CONSIGNMENT SHOPPE NOW OPEN

The Cleveland Consignment Shoppe opened at its new location in Beachwood on Tuesday, December 12. It is located at 3365 Richmond Rd., Suite 210.



BEACHWOOD SNOW ORDINANCE

Beachwood Ordinances state when snow falls to a depth of 2 inches (or more) over a 24-hour period, an emergency is declared and parking may be prohibited on all city streets. The city will make a reasonable attempt to notify the public by using local press and social media. Official social media accounts are listed on the last page of the City Insider.

Vehicle owners are responsible for complying with emergency parking regulations; vehicles parked in violation may be towed at the owners' expense.

READY For Winter Weather?

BEACHWOOD IS PREPARED, ARE YOU?

We take great pride in the high quality work performed by Public Works. We want to make sure you are ready, too.

- Ensure you've performed routine maintenance on your vehicle, including good tires.
- Wear warm clothing, such as hats and gloves, to protect you from the cold.
- Slow down. Ice can be unpredictable but more time to react will certainly help.

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PLOW PERMIT REMINDER

Don't forget the permit! Beachwood Ordinance 725.01 states: No person, firm or corporation shall remove snow from private driveways in the city without first securing a permit from the Police Department for such purpose.

Please make sure that your private plow contractor has obtained a permit from Beachwood Police Department for snow removal services.

JANUARY RECREATION GUIDE

**February
FREEZE**

Thursday, February 15

NEW DATE!

Outdoor Winter Fest
6:30-8 PM
 Beachwood City Hall
Activities & Entertainment
Train Rides in Candy Land
Costume Characters
Fireworks Show

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- **Ahead in the Count Softball Clinic (Beginner)**
Sundays, Jan. 14 to Feb. 4
Grades 3-4 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Grades 5-6 from 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Beachwood High School Auxiliary Gym
Residents \$70, Non-Residents \$80
- **Pee Wee Soccer with Dennis Weyn**
Fridays, Jan. 19 to Mar. 15, 12:45-1:30 p.m.
Ages 3-5, Fairmount School
Residents \$156, Non-Residents \$187
(No class on February 9.)
- **The Upcycle Academy:**
Fashion Design for Sustainable Style
Wednesdays, Jan. 24 to Feb. 28, 2:45-3:45 p.m.
Grades 3-5, Hilltop
Residents \$135, Non-Residents \$162
- **Crayola Imagine Arts Academy**
Mondays, Feb. 5 to Mar. 18
Grades K-2, Bryden, 3:25-4:25 p.m.
Grades 3-5, Hilltop, 2:45-3:45 p.m.
Residents \$131, Non-Residents \$157
(No class on February 19.)
- **Ahead in the Count Softball Clinic (Intermediate)**
Sundays, Feb. 11 to Mar. 3
Grades 3-4 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Grades 5-6 from 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Beachwood High School Auxiliary Gym
Residents \$70, Non-Residents \$80
- **Beachwood Community Theater**
Decades Youth Showcase
Wednesdays, Mar. 6 to May 1, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Ages 7-17, Beachwood Community Center
Residents \$300, Non-Residents \$360
(No rehearsal on March 27. Performance on May 5.)
- **Youth Baseball & Softball**
Summer Leagues 2024
Ages 5-14, Beachwood & Surrounding Cities
Residents \$75, Non-Residents \$95

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BEACHWOOD'S GOT TALENT, NEW PROGRAM OPEN TO AGES 5-19

Prepare your very own routine and put your talent on display! Open to all singers, dancers, musicians and actors. Beachwood's Got Talent is a three-week program plus a preliminary/finale open to city residents benefiting Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. The talent competition is led by Julie Matthews and Debi Lewin of Marquee Showcase Productions.

Auditions can be scheduled for February 4 between 1:00-5:00 p.m., held at the Beachwood Community Center. A \$50 registration fee will be due upon a successful audition into the program.



Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-7:00 p.m., February 7 through February 21. Participants will have assistance from Julie and Debi to help perfect their routines.

Show preliminaries will be held Sunday, February 25, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium based on age group. Each preliminary concludes with an announcement of finalists for the 7:00 p.m. finale and awards.



SUMMER CAMP, RESIDENT EARLY BIRD RATES

Resident registration for Beachwood Summer Camp is open at BeachwoodRec.com. The new process can be completed entirely through the online registration portal with no need for a separate camper information form. Video tutorials available on our website. Please note, **residents must upload proof of residency** to their online account or stop at City Hall to provide it in-person **within 30 days of registration**. Early bird rates end March 1 at 4:30 p.m. *Bison Camp during a 2023 field trip.*

BEACHWOOD SENIORS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & TRIPS

- Beginner Mahj Lessons with Fern Grunberger**
 Mondays, Feb. 12 to Mar. 11, 12:30-2:30 p.m. (No class 2/19)
 Beachwood Community Center, Residents \$40, Non-Residents \$48
 Take up a new game in 2024! Mah Jongg is a tile game that requires critical thinking, situational awareness and social intelligence to play it well and provides countless hours of fun. Register by February 5.
- The Girl in the Diary at The Maltz Museum**
 Friday, March 15, 11:00 a.m.
 Meet at The Maltz Museum, Residents & Non-Residents \$10
 Join us for a guided tour of the museum's latest exhibit. In 1945, a diary was discovered in the liberated Auschwitz-Birkenau Camp. It was written by a 14-year-old Jewish girl named Rywka Lipszyc and tells the story of a young girl who lost her siblings and parents, but never lost hope or her faith. Register by March 1.
- The Mind Challenge - Join Team Beachwood!**
 Play begins mid-April in Beachwood and surrounding cities.
 Enjoy trivia? Ever want to be part of a team and represent your city? Here is your opportunity! The Mind Challenge is a regional competition against other Northeast Ohio communities. Last year, Beachwood finished in fourth place! Interested in participating? Call 216.292.1970 by March 31.

SENIOR DAY OUT

Joyful January
Thursday, January 18, at Noon
Beachwood Community Center

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

Register by January 10.

Join the musicians of OPUS 216 for an exciting hour of genre-bending music: from classical, to jazz, modern day hits, and fiddle! Classically trained but unbound by genre, this Northeast Ohio ensemble brings a unique sound.

Meal choices include chicken pot pie with a side salad or a Sedona salad (field greens and romaine, celery, apples, grapes, candied walnuts, and raisins served with house-made creamy pecan vinaigrette). All entrees served with a beverage and dessert.

Feb. Senior Day Out: The Black Women of Jazz on February 15! Learn about the lives of Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, and Lena Horne.

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

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MASTERBRAND OPENS HEADQUARTERS

The City of Beachwood is pleased to announce that MasterBrand, the No. 1 leader in the North American residential cabinet business, has opened its national corporate headquarters in office space in one of Beachwood's prime commercial corridors. Jobs Ohio and TeamNeo were partners in the transaction. MasterBrand's presence is anticipated to bring an increase of \$7.25 million in tax dollars, and an expected \$2 million in new capital investments, along with tenant improvements at 3300 Enterprise Parkway. This project reflects a relocation of their headquarter operations from Indiana.

"The company's relocation aligns closely with the city's desire to attract growing national manufacturing headquarters that align with our existing strengths. With the new payroll taxes, MasterBrand has become a new top employer in terms of new income tax generation to Beachwood," stated Catherine Bieterman, Beachwood's Economic Development Director. She also notes that the collaboration of regional economic development partners brought together support for the relocation of the company.

Beachwood Mayor Justin Berns added, "I have a long history and knowledge of the superiority of products that MasterBrand offers in the residential cabinet business. Their products are top quality within the industry. The City of Beachwood strongly values and supports their future growth plans as they establish their new headquarters here in our community."

MasterBrand Cabinets has several well-known cabinet brands that offer stylish products including Aristokraft, Decora, Diamond, Fieldstone, Homecrest, Kemper, KitchenCraft, Mantra, Mid Continent (MC), Omega, Schrock, Starmark, Ultracraft and Urban Effects.

June Taylor, Economic Development Committee Chair, says she is happy with the outcome of her committee's work. "This is a high quality and prestigious company that we are proud to have supported. Beachwood has the resources and amenities that are attractive as a headquarters location. We look forward to supporting their current relocation and future needs here in Northeast Ohio and in Beachwood."



MEGAN PICCIONE HIGH JEWELRY

Megan Piccione High Jewelry, welcome to Beachwood! Your new store is stunning and we enjoyed your recent ribbon cutting celebration, attended by Mayor Justin Berns and many others. We also salute you as a Beachwood High School graduate! The MPJ Showroom location is 3201 Enterprise Parkway, Suite 145, inside the Landmark building.

Mayor Justin Berns (left) inside the showroom for the ribbon cutting celebration.

MILESTONE MOMENTS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Mandel Adult Day Center:

Mayor Justin Berns recently helped celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Mandel Adult Day Center, along with clients' milestones. Mayor Berns presented a proclamation in honor of this auspicious occasion. Best wishes for continued success!

Mayor Justin Berns with Tina Witt, Menorah Park Director of Home and Community-Based Services



Right at Home: Happy 10th Anniversary to Right at Home, Cleveland East! It was an honor for council members Josh Mintz, Danielle Shoykhet and June Taylor to present a proclamation on behalf of the City of Beachwood. Best wishes for continued success with offering the community a range of services focusing on in-home care options for seniors and adults with disabilities.



Left to right: Director of Client Services Frank Swinehart, Chamber Director David Lapierre, council member Josh Mintz, owner Elise Braverman-Plotkin, council member June Taylor, council member Danielle Shoykhet and owner Shalom Plotkin

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Beachwood Schools Diwali Celebration

The Indian American Family Affinity Group at Beachwood High School hosted an enchanting Diwali celebration, Nov. 19 at Beachwood High School, that was filled with savory Indian cuisine, artistic henna designs, hands-on crafts, and traditional Garba dancing. Mayor Justin Berns and Board of Education president Megan Walsh led a ceremonial lamp lighting to symbolize enlightenment and unity.

Beachwood students welcomed guests with the Swagatam songs, highlighting the event's spirit of inclusivity. The celebration also featured instrumental, vocal, and dance showcases by talented Beachwood students and various Southeast Asian cultural groups. Special thanks to the Indian American Family Affinity Group for orchestrating this vibrant cultural exchange that enriched our school community.



The Beachwood Schools Affinity Groups were created to provide support and enrich community bonds. Programming provides participants opportunities to share culture and traditions through events and celebrations.



Pictured from left: Kedar, Ronak, Srijan, and Arysh enjoy friendship, crafts, and dazzling performances. Henna artist Aparna Harbhajanka creates designs that blend tradition and cultural beauty. Case Western Reserve University's Dhamakapella group captivates with a vibrant fusion of Southeast Asian melodies. Singers from Saptaswara Music Academy share what they're learning on their musical journey. Dancers Srishti Ithychanda, Sneha Upadhyayula and Yuva Karthikeyan perform the Bharatanatyam dance form. Board of Education President Megan Walsh and Beachwood Mayor Justin Berns open the festivities with a lamp-lighting ceremony.

Elderclass Programs

Beachwood City Schools is proud to offer our senior community members lunch-and-learn opportunities at Beachwood High School. Each Elderclass experience begins with a three-course lunch in the Beachwood High School Bistro, followed by a musical, historical, or variable presentation.

Lunch, paid in advance and served from 12-1:15 p.m., is \$7 for Beachwood residents and \$10 for non-residents. The program, immediately following, is always free. To register for lunch or to be added to the Elderclass mailing list, call April Yuhas at 216.464.2600.

- February 22**
Beachwood High School Band, Orchestra, and Choir
- March 7**
Salzedo Harp Duo
- April 11**
Felicia Stadelman Art Lecture
- May 2**
Steven Greenman and Walt Mahovich



Chef Kortez Wilson greets Elderclass guests.

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Creativity Takes Flight Through



In Beachwood Schools' comprehensive visual arts program, young artists explore their talents and develop critical thinking skills that extend far beyond the canvas.

Fairmount Early Childhood Center: Laying the Foundation

At the Fairmount Early Childhood Center, art teacher Chunny Hahn fosters a love for learning and self-expression in preschoolers. She incorporates diverse materials, including paint, feathers, beads, and pipe cleaners to develop students' fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. To support preschoolers' artistic development at home, Ms. Hahn encourages families to display their artwork prominently and take trips to the Beachwood Arts Council Gallery and the Cleveland Museum of Art. Ms. Hahn explains, "My goal is to develop students' lifelong love for the arts and to build their self-esteem through creative expression and artistic accomplishments."

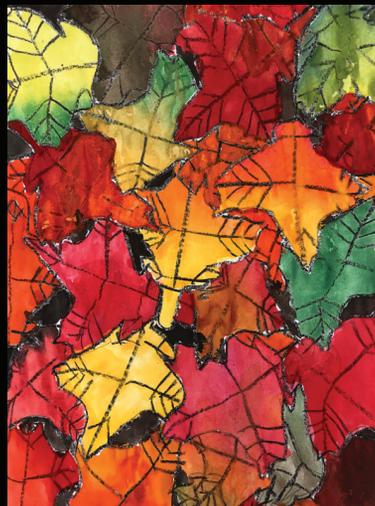
Bryden Elementary: Building Skills and Confidence

Bryden Elementary students in kindergarten through second grade refine their skills as they explore more complex techniques such as papier-mâché and sculpting. Art is integrated into academic subjects such as social studies and math. First graders recently created papier-mâché Babushka nesting dolls to connect with lessons on world culture while kindergarten students created self-portraits using shapes, strengthening concepts they learned in math. Ms. Hahn explains, "Integrating art with other subject areas is so important for students to make connections and foster creative thinking."

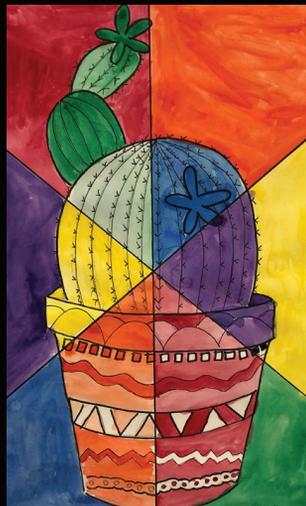
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Hilltop Elementary: Expanding Horizons

Hilltop art teacher Sarah Krieger focuses on the principles of design for students in grades three through five. Their growing knowledge of color relationships, composition, and perspective informs their artistic decision making. For example, fourth graders recently explored the world of textile arts, learning to weave intricate patterns with weft and warp yarns. "Beyond technique, I also put a strong emphasis on fostering responsibility and independence," says Ms. Krieger. "Class jobs empower students to be responsible for the materials and art space while checklists allow for self reflection throughout the art-making process."

Beachwood Middle School: Finding Creativity in Everyday Life

At Beachwood Middle School, technology integrates with the creative process in Rachel Hartwig's art classes. Sixth-grade students recently transformed into designers tasked with creating a concept for a food truck. Using Canva, students designed logos, menus, and advertising materials. They brought their culinary vision to life by building three-dimensional models of their food trucks, displaying them in a lot inspired by the Beachwood Truck Park. "I encourage my students to recognize the ways art and creativity fit into their lives, help them develop strategies for success based on their abilities, and show them how the skills they are learning can be used as tools to help achieve other goals," Ms. Hartwig says. "Art is so much more than aesthetics."

EVENTS CALENDAR



School Board Application Deadline

Monday, January 8

Submit inquiries and applications to:
bdvacancy@beachwoodschoools.org

ElderClass

Thursday, January 25, 12 - 2:15 p.m.

Beachwood High School
25100 Fairmount Blvd.

Middle and High School Band Concert

Thursday, January 25, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Beachwood High School
25100 Fairmount Blvd.



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Beachwood High School: Exploring Advanced Techniques

High school students in Heather Grano's classes explore advanced techniques in drawing, painting, printmaking, and ceramics while learning about art history and contemporary art movements through field trips to the Cleveland Museum of Art. Students taking advanced courses develop a portfolio for college credit and entry into art schools. Ms. Grano encourages students to think critically about art, interpreting historical and contemporary pieces and developing their artistic voice. Ms. Grano explains, "The art projects at the high school are often open-ended with choices for students so they have opportunities to challenge themselves and find personal ways to be creative and find unique solutions."

r Gabay, Grade 9



Chengyu Li, Grade 11



The Beachwood Schools K-12 Art Show will take place May 1 - May 28 at the Beachwood Community Center. The gallery opening is May 1, from 5 - 7 p.m.

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Board of Education Approves Schematic Designs for Two New Elementary Schools

The Beachwood Board of Education has approved the schematic designs for the new Bryden and Hilltop Elementary Schools, marking a significant step forward in the \$65 million construction project. This follows a series of community and staff input sessions held last fall. The schematic design phase lays the foundation for more detailed planning. During this stage, architects and designers developed a general layout and design concept for the new facilities. Construction is set to begin in spring 2024 with doors opening to students in January 2026.

“Over the past several months, the design team and our administrators have worked incredibly hard to shorten the construction timeline and minimize the disruption to our staff and students,” said Board of Education President Megan Walsh in a message to the school community. “This is an exciting time for our community as we envision what is possible for our youngest learners and elementary staff.”



Key Highlights of the Approved Designs

Integrated Preschool: The new Bryden Elementary will incorporate a dedicated preschool wing with six classrooms accommodating 80 students. This design facilitates a seamless transition to kindergarten, simplifies logistics for parents, and enhances collaboration between preschool and K-2 staff.

Flexible Use of the Fairmount Center: The Fairmount Early Childhood Education Center will continue housing the preschool summer camp due to its proximity to the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center. The District is exploring other potential uses for the building, including staff training, testing, collaboration with the City’s Recreation Department, and meeting spaces for community groups.

Contemporary Aesthetics: Both schools will feature a modern look with a mix of brick and glass, complementing their wooded surroundings. Hilltop will cascade up a hill, and Bryden will have courtyards for outdoor learning and play.

Libraries as Hubs: Designs place libraries at the heart of each school, emphasizing the importance of reading and access to information in students’ daily routines. The libraries, along with other larger spaces, will serve as venues for public meetings and exhibitions.

Enhanced Security: Security features and separate entrances for buses and cars ensure smooth drop-off and pick-up procedures.

Concurrent Construction: The new schools will be built simultaneously to shorten the construction timeline. During construction, students will continue attending classes in the existing buildings. The project’s construction firm, Hammond Construction, will prioritize safety by implementing physical barriers, signage, and separate access routes for construction vehicles. The company will also meet with neighbors prior to construction to address concerns and provide updates.

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS



Recent Resolutions

- Approved the elementary facilities schematic designs
- Approved trip to Model UN Conference at Michigan State University

Upcoming Board Actions

- Swear in new Board members and elect Board president and vice president
- Approve the Handbook for Administrators and Supervisors
- Identify Beachwood Schools Support Organizations

Board Meeting Calendar

- Monday, January 8 @ 7 p.m.
- Monday, January 22 @ 7 p.m.



VIEW AGENDAS & MINUTES

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Community engagement will continue to inform the design process going forward. Go online to view the schematic designs and get updates on upcoming public meetings.



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Alumni Spotlight: Tiffeni Johnson Fontno (Class of 1989)



Tiffeni Johnson Fontno (Class of 1989) is dedicated to ensuring all children can see themselves in books, a passion she traces back to her time in Beachwood Schools. Now serving as the Director of the Peabody Library at Vanderbilt University, Dr. Fontno emphasizes the lessons she learned in her formative years.

Dr. Fontno accepted a position as a business librarian at Case Western Reserve University to be near her mother, who was terminally ill. Following her mother's passing, Dr. Fontno found inspiration in her family of educators to become a teacher. She pursued a master's degree at John Carroll University to earn her initial teaching licensure and a doctorate in education leadership from Dayton University.

Dr. Fontno's love of education led to a rewarding career in public education, serving as a third-grade teacher and school librarian in Cleveland and Durham, North Carolina. Her dedication was recognized with a Teacher of the Year award from Durham Public Schools. She eventually transitioned to higher education, working with faculty and pre-service teachers at Boston College.

Now at the helm of Vanderbilt University's prestigious Peabody Library, Dr. Fontno is at the forefront of promoting inclusive literature and collaborating with top education researchers. She firmly believes, "Literature reflects life, and all children should see themselves and their interests represented, as well as learn about others."

Dr. Fontno's career has shaped a rewarding and authentic life for her. Her advice to Beachwood students? "The sooner you figure out how to be comfortable being your most authentic self, the more you will get out of your life experiences and purpose."

"Beachwood Schools taught me that every child needs to be seen, cared for, and have a place in the learning process," she says. "I use my space as a librarian educator to help young people see themselves in youth literature and advocate for the right to read."

After graduating from Beachwood High School, Dr. Fontno earned a bachelor's degree in history from Ursuline College. She worked as a tutor at Tri-C's Veteran's Upward Bound Program, gaining valuable insights into the veteran experience. Later, she joined Progressive in insurance sales. And while not her ideal fit, she says the position "was a good check and helped me understand the importance of work ethic, even when you're not in your preferred profession."

Taking a bold leap, Dr. Fontno pursued librarianship, ultimately securing a prestigious library residency program at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Her four-year tenure working with government documents provided her with extensive exposure to policy-making and conducting in-depth research. After completing the residency program,

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The Junior Council on World Affairs, advised by Dominic Velotta, recently won the Best Large School Delegation Award at the Autumn Model United Nations conference. Held November 6-7 at Case Western Reserve University, the conference replicates a United Nations summit. In this event, students take on roles as delegates from different countries and engage in drafting resolutions on global issues such as human rights, global health, economic development, poverty, and climate change. Congratulations to the Junior Council on World Affairs for their incredible achievement! #BisonStrong



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This week in science, Mrs. Ezzi's second-grade students worked hard learning about weather and water in the atmosphere. The students started by learning about the water cycle. They created a water cycle wheel labeling the different stages of the water cycle collection, evaporation, condensation, and precipitation. The students then conducted an experiment in which they observed water evaporate and form condensation. They finished the week with an experiment that demonstrated what happens to clouds in the water cycle. They used shaving cream and water with blue food coloring to see that precipitation occurs when a cloud accumulates too many water droplets. #BisonStrong



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The Hilltop cafeteria transformed into a laboratory of learning as third graders plunged into Pumpkin Math! Our enthusiastic mathematicians got their hands dirty measuring the circumference of their pumpkins, balancing them on scales, and predicting how many seeds were inside.



Beachwood Students in the Spotlight

Being civic-minded and volunteering benefit people of all ages and it's good to start young. When students step into leadership roles, volunteer, or create actions to help others, they gain skills, make new friends, make a positive impact on our community, explore career and personal interests, develop job skills, improve well-being, and enrich their education.

Beachwood students are required to complete 50 volunteer hours to graduate. However, many recognize the benefits of volunteering and go

above and beyond to make a difference.

This month, Jayden Jordan, Rachel Kantarovich, Golda Aschkenasy, Henrik Burda,

and Priyasha Ghosal are in the spotlight. Jayden was elected the Beachwood Middle School Student Council president. Rachel, Golda, and Henrik have

far exceeded their required volunteer hours; and Priyasha sells candles, with proceeds benefitting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Jayden Jordan, grade eight, was elected Beachwood Middle School Student Council president in September 2023. He was inspired to become involved because he wants to make a positive impact on the school's community and help create a better environment for everyone.

This year, BMS Student Council is planning various programs and activities, including community service projects, talent shows, and awareness campaigns on important issues like bullying and environmental conservation.

"Being an effective leader involves listening to my peers, fostering teamwork, and being open to new ideas," Jayden said. "I believe communication

and empathy are crucial in understanding the needs of our diverse student body."

In addition to serving on student council, Jayden served as captain of the Beachwood Middle School football and basketball teams. He also participates in sports through the Amateur Athletic Union, including football, basketball, and outdoor track.

Jayden's football coach, Coach Perkins, is one of his mentors. "He has played a significant role in guiding me through my leadership journey," Jayden said.

Jayden is proud of both his leadership and academic accomplishments. He is an A and B student with a passion for graphic design. Additionally, he

is preparing to launch his online clothing business.

"I'm grateful for my leadership experience," Jayden said. "It will contribute to my personal and academic growth."

JC Link and Garth Holman, Jayden's student council advisors, have been working with him since he was elected by his peers in September.

"Jayden is a very well liked and personable young man. He has been a leader in all of his endeavors here at BMS: in the classroom, on the football field, and on the basketball court," said Mr. Link.

"He has a unique ability to get along with everyone in our building, staff and students alike, which has gained him much



respect," Mr. Holman added. "This respect puts him in a leadership position amongst his peers no matter the setting. Jayden has the natural ability to stand out as a leader wherever he is, in whatever he is doing."

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Henrik Burda, grade 10, has logged 526 volunteer hours. He started volunteering in a lab at Case Western Reserve University after his freshman year in high school, doing research in the field of chemical physics.

"When volunteering, I feel the impact of helping the world, little by little, which is what keeps me coming back," he said. "Volunteering is never about the time commitment or tallied

hours, but more so the ways I could contribute by expanding the knowledge of our society, one small step at a time."

By volunteering over the summer and on weekends during the school year, Henrik became the co-author of a recently published research paper. "I volunteer to express what I would like to become in the future," he stated. "Through my experiences, I've realized that volunteer 'work'

doesn't feel like work at all if you enjoy what you do."

After high school, Henrik plans to major in some form of physics. "I am interested in this field and believe I can contribute to it in the future," he added. "My volunteer dream position is to be involved in a top-university lab, where my work will have an even greater impact by helping to further the knowledge of the world in which we live."



Rachel Kantarovich, grade 11, started volunteering just before her freshman year and has logged 533 volunteer hours. She's volunteered at the Beachwood Community Theater summer camp, Cleveland Food Bank, and Park Synagogue. She also tutored students at Beachwood Middle School.

"I'm driven to volunteer because I enjoy helping our community," Rachel said. "I always feel more accomplished when I help someone, whether it's helping them find the courage to audition or reach a goal academically."

Rachel's dream volunteer position is to go back to where it all started. "I would love to help rising performers find the courage to be their absolute best on and off the stage," she said. "When I started off at Beachwood Theater Camp, I didn't know how to audition. Nor did I have the confidence to do well in an audition room. The entire process is uncomfortable, especially when you're new to the craft. However, I remember how the master students and counselors reassured my capabilities and worked with me. I owe a lot of the confidence that I have today to those individuals

and I hope to make the same impact on others."

After graduation, Rachel hopefully plans to attend The Ohio State University. She's not yet sure of her major, but definitely sees herself minoring in something related to the arts.

"My volunteer choices are based on what I like to do, not what I have to do, so it never feels like a chore," Rachel said. "I'm always happy to help out whenever I'm needed and I plan to continue volunteering through high school and beyond."

"I encourage incoming freshmen or underclassmen to volunteer whenever they get the opportunity



because they'll get a lot out of it," she added. "My wish is to continue making an impact on people in our community because I truly have the best time helping out!"

Golda Aschkenasy, grade 11, also started volunteering just prior to freshman year. To date, she has logged 477 volunteer hours. She's mostly volunteered as a middle-school advisor for NCSY, a Jewish youth group. Golda has also volunteered at a summer camp and various school events, and she tutors through Bison Buddies, a group that helps middle school students with homework.

"I am very driven by watching my contributions help somebody out in life," Golda said. "I volunteer at NCSY because I love to help guide others to learn more about the Jewish religion. Overall, I want to be wherever I can to make the biggest impact."

In college, Golda plans to volunteer with one of the sports teams, while on her way to becoming a physical therapist.

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Priyasha Ghosal, a seventh grader at Beachwood Middle School, started to make candles as a hobby in the summer of 2022, after receiving a candle-making kit from her aunt. Then, with encouragement from her family and friends, she first sold her candles at Beachwood's 2022 FallFest and donated all proceeds to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

One of her earliest memories is from second grade. "We organized a candy drive for the kids at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital and then took a field trip to the hospital," she recalled. "That experience inspired me because it was the first time I was able to see the impact that our work made on other people's lives."

Since then, Priyasha was inspired to support a cause for children. "Cancer has also been really important in my life because my grandma is a cancer survivor and my grandpa, who was always extremely supportive of my passions, passed away from cancer in the spring of 2022," she added. "This resulted in my wanting to help cancer patients as well as children, which is why I chose St. Jude's."

Overwhelming support from Priyasha's teachers, friends, and community keep her motivated to continue on her candle-making path. "Many of my teachers have bought candles from me," she proudly told us. "They also help promote my products and help me with

innovative ideas, such as how I can develop a website, etc."

Priyasha looks forward to becoming involved in various volunteer opportunities, including helping neurodivergent kids, and assisting in elder homes and at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. "I just want to be able to make a positive impact on someone's life," she said, adding, "I want to thank my family, friends, teachers, and our amazing community for supporting and encouraging me to spread the light of love!"

Last year, Priyasha donated \$300 to St. Jude's. This year, so far, she's doubled that amount by selling candles at the 2023 FallFest and the Beachwood Indian American Family Affinity Group's Diwali party. She also received quite a few holiday orders.



To help Priyasha spread the love, check out her catalog and order form at <http://tinyurl.com/PriyashaCandle>.

Cleveland Yoga Celebrates 20 Years

Cleveland Yoga has been a Beachwood staple for 20 years. Love, support, belief, unity, community, and empowering are just a few of the words that staff uses to describe Cleveland Yoga's culture.

Owner Tami Schneider (*pictured right*) was first introduced to yoga in 1999 and has been practicing ever since. Prior to discovering yoga, she was a fitness guru who participated in national fitness competitions and taught aerobics until her body started to break down. "I had to find something that wouldn't be as hard on my feet and joints," she told us. "When I heard about power yoga for athletes, I tried it out and caught the bug."

Tami attended workshops, purchased an exercise-at-home VHS, practiced, and quickly learned that yoga poses could challenge her, increase flexibility and strength, and heal her body. She also noticed that, once barefoot, her plantar fasciitis healed as she worked the muscles, tendons, and ligaments in her feet.

The more Tami learned, the more she was sold on the benefits of yoga.

While learning more about yoga, Tami taught Balanced Body, a fitness class that incorporated cardio, weight training, and yoga at the JCC. Then, in 2001, she partnered with Sandy Gross, teaching fitness courses at The Hamptons.

"We had a good following," Tami said. "Our class sizes grew, as did the number of classes offered each week."

In spite of the growth, Tami and Sandy chose to go their separate ways in 2003. Sandy opened Evolution Yoga and Tami stayed at The Hamptons, rebranded her business as Cleveland Yoga, and relocated to 3355 Richmond Rd., in an expanded space with two studios, in 2005.

Although Tami hadn't originally set her sights on being an entrepreneur, she

Front row: Melissa Fitzgerald, Lisa Burrows, Sarah Ezzie, Megan Velotta, and Ted Lardner.

Back row: Joanna Hatzopoulos, Lisa Davis, Scott Supler, Amy Schneider, Jenn Harte, Ralph Smith III, Tami Schneider, Erin Herbruck, Amy Stover, Ilene Friedman, Seth Weinstein, Samantha Garcia, and Christina Spalina.

Not pictured: Christina LaMarca and Celina Broyles.



learned by doing and surrounding herself with like-minded people who have similar energy. "I credit much of my business know-how to my friends at Baptiste Yoga, a globally known organization," Tami said. "As a senior Baptiste yoga teacher, I've had opportunities to teach all around the world, which provided opportunities to create best practices for our studio.

"Our culture is much more than what we do on our mat," she explained. "Our model is to be of service, listen generously, set high standards in our teaching and guest relations, and keep our atmosphere light, welcoming, and engaging."

As an innovator and yoga pioneer,

Tami describes herself as resilient and patient, and describes her teaching style as aligned, fun, athletic, physical, and adaptable to all levels.

"Yoga isn't a competition. Each person is on their own mat, working at their own level," Tami explained. "My advice for beginners is to just show up and keep the commitment. Accept that you are a beginner, take it slow, forget about images you may have about the perfect yoga pose, and focus – breath by breath.

"The hardest part of coming to yoga is coming to yoga," she added. "Yoga is a powerful experience that builds a stronger body and strengthens the mind. Through



breathwork, it also offers calming techniques. You're not alone when you walk in for the first time. Come with an open mind. This practice is for everyone."

"I have always deeply admired Tami as a community leader and innovator," said Jing Lauengco, Cleveland Yoga's brand and business consultant. "I love how Tami evolves, transforms, and helps people rise, on and off the mat. Her light and leadership inspire so many of us. Through her teaching and training programs, she has paved the way for others to succeed and open studios.

"Plus, Tami is always kind, gracious, radiant, and humble," Jing continued. "She changes lives with every class, every day. Her community and the Cleveland Yoga family are exactly what the world needs right now."

Tami went through a growth phase, opening additional locations, and now realizes that she's best suited with a single location. "This studio brings me happiness, joy, and comfort," Tami said. "I enjoy connecting with people, whether they've just started or have been coming here for years."

Cleveland Yoga currently has 17 instructors and offers 45 weekly classes. It also offers mentorship programs and teacher training classes for teens and adults. The teen certification program for 14 to 19-year-old students focuses on increasing self-esteem and maintaining a healthy body image so teens feel comfortable with their identities.



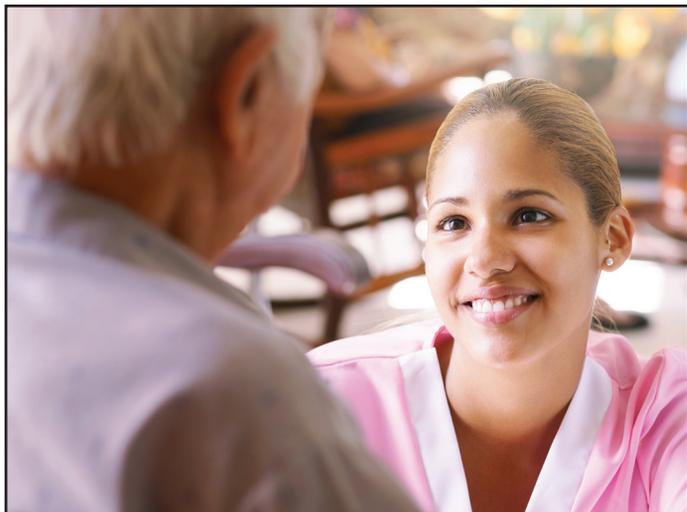
"When you come as you are and stay committed to the work, you'll leave as a better version of yourself," said instructor Samantha Garcia. "Cleveland Yoga is a safe, welcoming, trusting space. Love what you do, on and off the mat, and show up every day for yourself."

Tami's advice for budding entrepreneurs is: Follow your passion. Start small. Step in. Be sure you surround yourself with people who support your growth. Be aligned. Know the energy exchange of the people with whom you're working.

Cleveland Yoga's tagline is: Breathe. Believe. Achieve. "My goal is to have people come together and unite," Tami said. "Life's experiences have made me a lot more resilient. I want people to know that with all the craziness in the world, there's always Cleveland Yoga."

When Tami is not at the studio, she enjoys a warm breeze, 75-degree temperatures, and spending time at home with her dog, Cora.

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Grapefruit Olive Oil Poundcake

New Year's resolutions often include eating healthier. This can include baking with foods that are good for you. Finding recipes that incorporate healthy ingredients is like finding a treasure. That's what I found when leafing through Deb Perelman's 2012 *Smitten Kitchen* cookbook, one I've had since it came out. In the recipe below, olive oil beautifully complements the sweet and tart grapefruit flavor. Deb's recipe is adapted from ones by Martha Stewart and Ina Garten. I've added my own twists. Enjoy.



Cake

- 2 T grapefruit zest
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup turbinado (raw) sugar (or granulated sugar)
- ½ cup olive oil
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 t baking powder
- ¼ t baking soda
- ½ t salt
- ½ t vanilla
- 2 T grapefruit juice
- ⅓ cup buttermilk or yogurt (plain/Greek)
- Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a second bowl.
- In a liquid measuring cup, combine vanilla, 2 T grapefruit juice and buttermilk.
- Add flour and buttermilk mixtures, alternating between them, to the oil and sugar mixture, beginning and ending with the flour mixture.
- Spread batter in pan, smooth top and rap pan on counter to eliminate air bubbles.
- Bake 45-60 minutes, until a tester comes out clean.
- Make syrup by combining sugar and grapefruit juice in a small pan and cook over low heat until the sugar dissolves.

Syrup

- 2T granulated sugar
- ⅓ cup grapefruit juice

Glaze

- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1-2 T grapefruit juice
- 1-2 T milk or cream
- 1-2 t grapefruit zest
- Pinch salt
- Cool cake in pan for 10 minutes before inverting onto a rack set over a tray. Poke holes in cake with a skewer or toothpick. Spoon or brush syrup over cake.
- Make glaze by combining confectioners' sugar, salt, milk, grapefruit juice and zest in a small bowl and whisking until smooth. Pour glaze over top of completely cooled cake allowing to drizzle decoratively down sides.

Note: Two large grapefruits should yield the necessary amounts of fresh zest and juice. (Strain the pulp.)

Directions

- Pre-heat to 350°F. Butter and flour a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan, or line with parchment paper.
- In a large bowl, using a large spoon, mix well zest and sugar to bruise and release essence. Whisk in oil until smooth. Whisk eggs in one at a time until combined. Scrape bowl down as necessary.

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

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The Lost Art of Living with Integrity and Compassion

By Jen Stern

Rosalyn Carter was a lady of faith and conviction. She led with compassion as she humbly, actively participated in making the world better. She truly lived her life in service to others. Mrs. Carter was a true humanitarian: mental health, eldercare, vaccines to end the spread of disease world wide, and Habitat for Humanity.

Her mindset was rooted in hope, warmth, and optimism.

I miss living in a world where leaders were flawed and yet not carelessly and catastrophically divisive. Prayer has always helped to calm what troubles me beyond my control.

I pray for the ability to once again have faith in humanity. To trust that politicians, educators, business leaders, and influencers with a platform act with integrity and accountability. I pray that sooner, rather than later – in my lifetime – we can live peacefully, safely, and side by side in this world, with acceptance and respect for differences.

I pray that terrorists are not supported and enabled under the guise of social justice. That violence, rape, and mutilation of women are unanimously condemned. Silence and justification of any kind when women are being raped and mutilated are complicit.

I pray that sooner, rather than later – in my lifetime – we can live peacefully, safely, and side by side in this world, with acceptance and respect for differences.

Optimism is not readily accessible during these dark times. I will remember the grace and warmth of Rosalyn Carter, the compassion with which she led. I can admire her faith and values without aligning or agreeing with every statement, decision, or political view she had.

Perhaps this is what we have forgotten: We can honor the humanity in each other even when we approach life differently. This is only authentically possible when those differences aren't rooted in the desire to marginalize or worse, harm, or murder because of those differences.

I pray for peace in the new year. May the new year restore hope, warmth, and optimism.

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

Hilltop Third Grader Excels in Swimming and Boxing

Daniel Klementov, a third-grade Hilltop student, is outgoing, social, and curious. He has been swimming and boxing since age 6 and currently competes in both sports. He swims in the 8-and-under age group on the North Coast Aquatic Team (NCAT), a competitive swim team with practice locations in Shaker Heights and Solon, and boxes at DNA Boxing Gym.

On Nov. 11, Daniel competed in the NCAT Fall Breakout 23. He swam the 50-yard breaststroke, 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle, and 50-yard backstroke, finishing first in all four events.

Daniel's boxing coaches, Travis Phillips and Renard Safo, expertly teach him skills that help him defend himself and build self confidence. Within the walls of the gym, Daniel has gained respect as a persistent, dedicated young man.

On Nov. 18, Daniel participated in the Cleveland vs. Anyone Boxing Competition at the

Beachwood Armory, where he got his first official win as an amateur boxer.

Outside of sports, Daniel enjoys playing piano and participating in recitals. He also likes to watch Pokémon cartoons and collect Pokémon cards, watch action movies, and try different types of food that are inspired by food blogger Mark Wiens. Additionally, Daniel enjoys reading books and asking questions about whether or not the events in the book were real.



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Daniel, with one of his boxing coaches, Travis Phillips.

Learning to Write the SWAE Way

By Debby Zelman Rapoport

Philip Skerry, professor emeritus at Lakeland Community College, taught classes in English and film for more than 40 years. He has also been an adjunct faculty member at John Carroll, Cleveland State, and Baldwin Wallace, and has authored several books, including *The Rules of the Game: A Guide to Writing in Standard English* and *Writing Errors and Their Ways: Correction Strategies for the 20th Century*. Phil's alternate title, self-proclaimed, is unabashed grammar guru.

When I met Philip to discuss his books, I felt as though I was once again a student as he explained grammatical rules and challenged me to use words in the proper context. I was proud of myself for some answers and not so proud for others. Here's a shoutout to Beachwood Buzz's proofreader, Elaine Cicora, another unabashed grammar guru!

Rules of the Game is an examination of Standard Written American English (SWAE), the dialect of educated people, and an analysis of its characteristics. The book explains the special qualities of SWAE and why it frequently presents problems to students as well as to the general public. The book outlines the two key elements of SWAE: It is both rule bound and conservative.

"The first half of the book examines the elements of successful SWAE sentences," Philip explained. "The second half shows how sentences can go wrong and how to fix them."

The companion volume, *Writing Errors and Their Ways*, examines errors in writing from several perspectives: contextual – what may be an error in one kind of writing may not be an error in another; hierarchical – some errors are more significant than others; and genres – fiction vs. nonfiction, written vs. spoken language.

Other factors that affect writing errors are examined in detail, such as the role of social movements and trends. Examples are drawn from the LGBTQ community and the role of social media. Throughout,

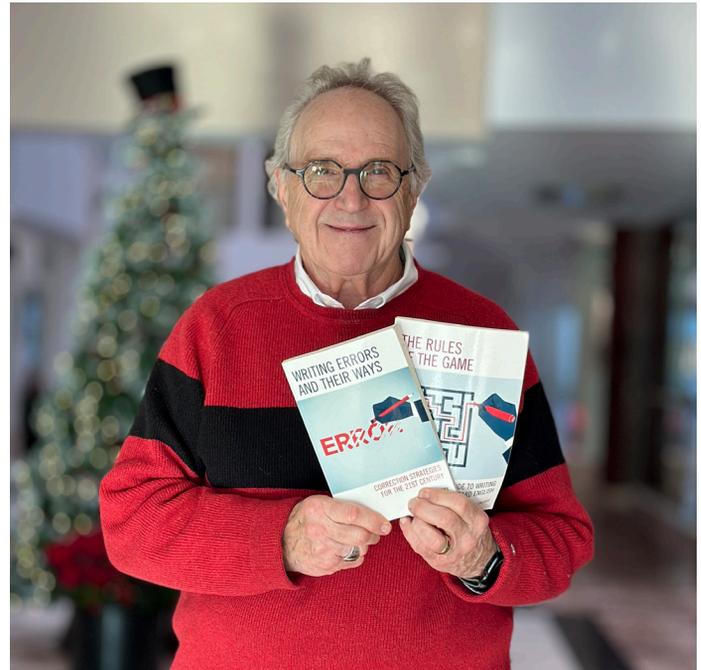
errors are presented, along with grammatical explanations and correction strategies. The book takes into consideration that language and language standards change, as exemplified by the upheaval in pronoun usage tied to dramatic changes in gender roles and identities.

"SWAE is the major league of writing. Rules change slowly and they differ under certain circumstances."

"An analogy that compares writing to major league baseball is that there are a lot of rules in both and things change slowly," Philip said. "It took 56 years for the National League to accept the designated hitter rule. SWAE is the major league of writing. Rules change slowly and they differ under certain circumstances."

Philip then explained how language and grammar are contextual. For example, rules for poetry differ from fiction, which differs from non-fiction. Plus, rules are different when we speak than when we write and errors are hierarchical: Some are more significant than others.

Philip's books explain why there are rules, why we have so many, and why they're important. "I based these books on what I taught for many years," he said. "Standard Written American English (SWAE) tends to be conservative. It looks to the past for models of correctness, and it changes slowly."



Philip Skerry with his two writing books, along with additional books he's written.



Philip views the three biggest writing errors as word fragments, a word group without a main clause; sentences that are spliced with a comma when there should be a period or semicolon; and fused sentences, with no punctuation.

The Rules of the Game: A Guide to Writing in Standard English and *Writing Errors and Their Ways: Correction Strategies for the 20th Century* are available on Amazon.

Philip is now working on his third book in this series: *Writing Sentences the SWAE Way*.

Some additional books by Philip Skerry include *Dark Energy: Hitchcock's Absolute*

Camera and the Physics of Cinematic Spacetime, *Psycho in the Shower*, which was written about a single movie scene in Hitchcock's movie, *Defining America: Ten Essays on the Western Film*, and *That Pesky S*, a grammar mystery that was co-written with his granddaughter, Amelia B. Horvat, who was 12 years old when the book was published.

Philip wrote most of his books in coffee shops. When he's not writing, he enjoys volunteering at the Beachwood Library, reading, and exercising. Philip and his wife, Amy, a psychotherapist, live in Beachwood.

Elizabeth Katz Places First!

Elizabeth Katz, a junior at Beachwood High School, first became interested in horseback riding when visiting her grandparents in Hilton Head, South Carolina. She went on a pony ride at Lawton Stables when she was 3 ½ years old and was hooked!

"My grandparents bought me one lesson for my fourth birthday," she recalled. "They thought I would be too afraid and would stop!"

Elizabeth then started to ride at Stepping Stones Farm, located at Chagrin Valley Farms in Chagrin Falls, and currently rides at Ellrick Farm, in Chardon, with Susan Lloyd.

"Some of my most memorable times are from this past show season, which ran from December 2022 to November 2023," she told us. "The riders I have been showing with have been the best support group ever."

Elizabeth used to compete at Ellrick Farm, where riders would spend the day setting up for shows. "We would order pizza and ride around in the golf cart. It was a lot of fun," she said.

Now, she competes mostly at Chagrin Valley Farms in Chagrin Falls and Stony Ridge Farms in Wadsworth. Other organizations,

such as The Western PA Horsemen's Association, also host shows at Chagrin Valley Farms.

"I began showing in the Jumper Division in August 2022," Elizabeth said. "I take two lessons a week, work at the barn, and help my trainer with feeding, watering, and cleaning the stalls."

Elizabeth recently competed in The Ohio Professional Horsemen's Association's Beginner Jumper Division and placed first, a major accomplishment in the horse world.

In addition to attending Beachwood High School, Elizabeth participates in the Excel TECC Horticulture Program. Her college plan is to major in environmental studies, with an emphasis on horticulture. Her long-term goal is to run a florist shop. Elizabeth would like to continue riding in college because it is an important part of her life that has taught her so much.

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Eastside Blades Take to the Ice

January 13-14

Beachwood Schools figure skating club has combined forces this year with Chagrin Schools to compete in the high schools' annual Ohio skating competition in Shaker Heights, at Thorton Park Ice Arena, January 13 and 14.

The combined teams – 10 from Beachwood and two from Chagrin – will include individual competitions of single programs, dance, movement, small-team Mini Production ensembles, and team maneuvers.

Participants include Beachwood High School seniors Allison Berns and Sarah Berns; and Beachwood High School sophomores Sophia Nagy-Oleski, Anna Tonyuskin, and Lorena Tovanche. Competing from Beachwood Middle School and Hilltop are Avery Feuerman, Jacob Isaacson, Dominic Herjan, Maria Tonyushkin, and Yuka Hashiba.

Rounding off the team from Chagrin are Haley Haden and Dasha Kuzmenko.

About a dozen teams from Ohio will compete during the weekend. Come root on your Eastside Blades!



“Early Bird” Monthly Shabbat Services

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Temple Emanu El now offers “Early Bird” Shabbat services on the third Friday of each month through March, geared toward those who cannot drive at night. Services will be held on Jan. 19, Feb. 16, and March 15, from 4-5 p.m. These are in addition to the regularly scheduled Friday night services at 6:15 p.m. The temple is located at 4545 Brainard Rd. in Orange Village. Both services will be live-streamed. For login information, email renewed@teeceleve.org.

“With the shorter days and colder weather upon us, we want to make sure senior members are able to drive to Shabbat services during daylight hours,” said Rabbi Matt Cohen. “These Early Bird service times will help them maintain social and spiritual connections that they often forego during the winter months.”

Temple Emanu El, a Reform congregation, welcomes both members and non-members. For details, visit www.teeceleve.org.



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The Gift Planning team at Cleveland Clinic can answer your questions about the many forms of charitable giving. Call 216.444.1245 or send an email to giftplanning@ccf.org. We look forward to assisting you.

InMotion Offers Programs for Those with Parkinson’s

InMotion, a nonprofit wellness and community center for people with Parkinson’s disease, offers evidence-based programs including physical wellness, healing arts, creative expression, and education and support. Founded in 2015 and located in Beachwood, all programs are available at no cost to people with PD and their care partners.

InMotion currently offers monthly interactive wellness workshops facilitated by Mary Fisher Bornstein, LISW-S, and Betsy Kohn, M.A., P.C., both of whom have extensive experience in the area of mental health and working with individuals with chronic disease.

Workshops, usually held the first Wednesday of each month from 1-2 p.m., are free and open to all InMotion clients and care partners. Please note: The workshop in January will be held on January 17, the third Wednesday.

Each workshop includes open discussion and dialogue with an opportunity for questions and answers. Advance registration is encouraged. January’s workshop will be focused on the power of self-forgiveness and February’s on the forgiveness of others.

For additional information about InMotion or to become a client, please contact Erin Shelton at 216.342.5786 or eshelton@beinmotion.org.

If your organization would like more information about Wellness Workshops, please contact either Mary Fisher Bornstein at borny10@aol.com



or Betsy Kohn at BetsyKKohn@gmail.com.

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Recycle Broken Holiday Lights and Power Cords

The City of Beachwood’s Public Works Department accepts broken holiday lights and power cords dropped off for recycling in January, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Recycle Christmas Trees

The City will collect Christmas trees (real – not artificial) from tree lawns and deliver them to the compost facility on Shaker Boulevard. We recycle 100% of trees, brush, and leaves by shredding and utilizing them on city grounds and for the planting program. Please call Beachwood Public Works at 216.292.1922 to advise the Christmas tree has been placed on the tree lawn for collection.



Jewish Clevelanders Raise a Record \$36,355,013 in This Year's Community Campaign

Additional \$33,349,261 Raised to Date for Israel Emergency Campaign

The Jewish Federation of Cleveland recently announced that a record \$36,355,013 has been raised by 9,045 gifts representing 11,881 donors in the 2024 Campaign for Jewish Needs, the annual fundraising campaign that serves Jewish Cleveland and the global community. Additionally, the community raised \$33,349,261 for the Israel Emergency Campaign to date. This campaign was launched immediately following the terrorist attack in Israel on October 7. These totals were shared at the Campaign Closing Event at the Mandel Jewish Community Center on December 13.

In addition to highlighting the community's various accomplishments of the 2024 Campaign, attendees recognized Jonathon Nisenboun, recipient of the 2023 Ambassador Milton A. and Roslyn Z. Wolf Young Campaigner of the Year Award, and thanked Beth Wain Brandon for her leadership as campaign chair over the past two years.

"Our community's commitment to each other and to Jews around the world is unmatched," said

Daniel N. Zelman, Federation board chair. "In the face of unrelenting hatred targeting Jews – fueled in part by growing anti-Israel sentiment – Jewish Clevelanders proudly stood together to ensure all those in need, locally and globally, can get the necessary care and support by generously supporting this year's Campaign for Jewish Needs."

Daniel continued, "Beth's tenure as campaign chair was under circumstances that were

anything but normal – including wars in Ukraine and Israel. Thanks to her strong leadership and commitment to meeting the needs in our community, Beth was able to help our loyal campaign volunteers and Federation staff achieve superb results. The Cleveland

Jewish community and the Jewish community throughout the world are better for her efforts."

For more information about the Jewish Federation of Cleveland and the Campaign for Jewish Needs, visit www.jewishcleveland.org.



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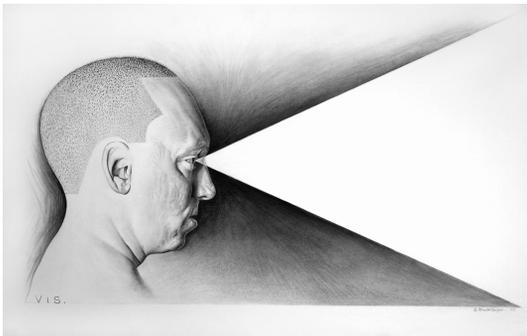
The Strange World of George Mauersberger

WOLFS, a large gallery in Beachwood that began life as an auction house and evolved to become an eclectic art gallery dealing in fine paintings, sculpture, and certain decorative arts, is proud to present the exhibition and sale: The Strange World of George Mauersberger,

featuring the work of this renowned realist and Cleveland State professor emeritus.

The exhibition will be on view through January 27, Tuesday through Saturday, 11-5 p.m. The gallery is located at 23645 Mercantile Rd.

For more information, visit www.wolfsgallery.com.



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School Board Seat Vacancy

The Beachwood City School District Board of Education is accepting applications to fill a vacated board seat due to the resignation of Board Vice President Jillian DeLong, following her election to serve on the Beachwood City Council.

All applicants are to submit a notice of their interest in writing to bdvacancy@beachwoodschoools.org.

The Beachwood City School District Board of Education shall interview all interested candidates to ascertain their qualifications.

Appointment by the Beachwood City School District Board of Education to fill a vacancy shall be by majority vote of the remaining board members during a special meeting scheduled for January 16, 2024.

The appointed school board member's term will run through December 31, 2025. A board



member must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days preceding appointment, and registered to vote in Beachwood for at least 30 days preceding appointment.

Candidates must submit a notice of interest to: bdvacancy@beachwoodschoools.org.

Each individual who submits this notice will receive an application to complete and submit. **The deadline to submit a completed application is January 8, 2024.**

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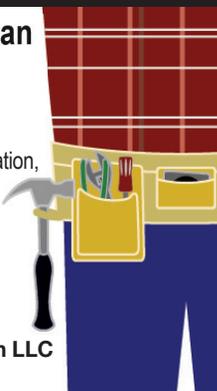
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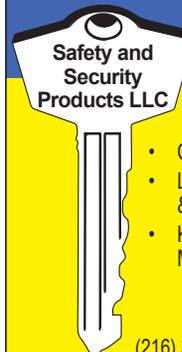
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Tuesday, Jan. 9 • 7-8 p.m.

Tuesday Book Chat

Enjoy a discussion of *Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century*, by Jessica Bruder. Registration not required.

Monday, Jan. 15 • 6:30-8 p.m.

Knit and Lit

Enjoy knitting and informal chats about what everyone is reading. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/9145933>.

Monday, Jan. 15 • 7-8 p.m.

Meet Author Bonnie Jo Campbell

Enjoy a discussion of *The Waters*, a new novel by Bonnie Jo Campbell. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/9547540>.

Wednesday, Jan. 17 • 2-3 p.m.

Third Wednesday Book Discussion

Enjoy a discussion of *My Father's House*, by Joseph O'Connor. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/9083776>.

Friday, Jan. 19 • 10-11 a.m.

Through the Eyes of the Artist:

Romare Bearden

Enjoy a discussion led by art historian Felicia Zavarella Stadelman on artist Romare Bearden. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/9130651>.

Wednesday, Jan. 24 • 7-8 p.m.

Eclipse Over Cleveland

Enjoy a presentation by Jay Ryan, a longtime astronomy educator, and learn what to expect during the first eclipse such as this since 1806. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/9139327>.

Wednesday, Jan. 31 • 7-8 p.m.

Movie Guys with

Todd Bryerton and Sheldon Starke

Entertainment lawyer Sheldon Starke, accompanied by fellow movie lover Todd Bryerton, bring their ongoing discussion about the best movies and streaming series to the library. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/9197728>.

StoryWalk

The StoryWalk for January continues to be *First Snow*, by Nancy Viau, with pictures by Talitha Shipman. Neighbors don their winter gear and head into the icy air to build snowmen and igloos, race sleds, and throw snowballs before returning to the warmth of their homes.



Storytimes: Jan. 1 – Feb. 29

Monday 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Toddler and Preschool Storytime

Wednesday 10 a.m.

Baby and Toddler Storytime

Thursday 10 a.m.

Baby and Me Storytime

Thursday 11 a.m.

Toddler Storytime

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