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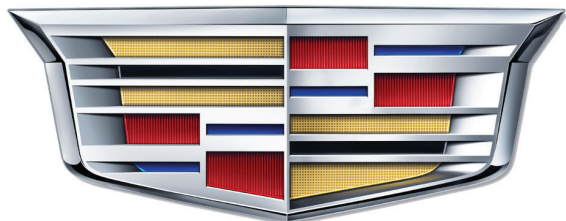


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## Letter from **THE EDITOR**

By Debby Zelman Rapoport

**T**he term *circle of life* recently came to mind while driving home from Dayton after attending Bob Kahn's funeral. Bob, my dear friend Karen Weiss's father, had celebrated his 100th birthday just six months earlier. The morning after his funeral, I attended the bris of my great-nephew, Jonah Rosen, son of Kara and Jeremy Rosen.

A century separated these two individuals. One had lived a full life that encompassed extreme circumstances of joy and sorrow and the other, just a week old on that date, has a full life ahead of himself filled with endless possibilities.

At the time, I didn't know that just a couple of weeks later, on April 21, I would attend the funeral of my own father, Jerry Zelman. *The circle of life.*

Dad was born in 1936 to Aaron and Bessie Zelman. He and my mom were next-door neighbors as teens. They started dating, married, and by age 26 had four children – Dan, Debby, Darcy, and David.

Back then, Dad worked as a rack jobber for National Merchandising, a division of Cook United. When that division closed, he opened Houseware Services. In this role, he was responsible for keeping non-grocery items stocked in grocery and discount stores. When the industry changed, he closed his business and opened Phone Connection, a retail store at Cedar Center. Once that ran its course, he worked at Satellite Employment with Mom, a business that they owned.

Dad liked coaching Little League, going to Browns games, playing gin rummy, gambling, playing golf, traveling, and dining out. Mostly, he and Mom valued family – family was everything.

We had many good times at home with friends and family: hanging out, swimming, and Sunday night dinners, which were Mom's specialty.



Dad (Jerry Zelman) and me taking a walk at Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve as part of his 86th birthday celebration.

My parents always enjoyed family time and celebrations: weddings, grandchildren (11), more weddings, and great grandchildren (7). But things were not always joyous. Mom and Dad experienced the worst form of heartbreak in 2015 when my sister, Darcy, passed away.

Then, in February 2022, my mom, Harriet, passed away. Some of her last words to me and my brothers were, "Dad's memory is worse than you know. You have no clue. Please take care of him."

That's what we did. We began to navigate uncharted territories to find Dad the best care possible. Although it was hard to watch his physical and cognitive abilities decline, his spark for life was still evident. When he could no longer communicate with words, his limited voice, actions, and expressive

smile emanated his true self and welcomed those around him.

As I reflect back on losing both parents in 26 months, I cherish memories, reminisce, look through photos, and am grateful for their love, support, and for all they did for me and our family.

*The circle of life.* We each have a finite amount of time to let our light shine, so let's make an effort to show our individuality and to make the most of today, and every day, because we don't know what tomorrow may bring.

*This column is dedicated to my Dad, Jerry Zelman (June 26, 1936 – April 21, 2024).*



# The fun lasts all summer at Legacy Village

ART IN THE VILLAGE. LEGACY LIVE. VILLAGE TRIVIA. LITTLE LEGACY. FARMERS MARKET. MEET THE MACHINES.



**ART IN THE VILLAGE: June 1-2**  
Showcasing nearly 100 artists with mediums ranging from painting to ceramics, Art in the Village runs from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. You can also enjoy live music on the Lawn throughout the show.



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**VILLAGE TRIVIA: Thursdays throughout the summer at Bar Louie**  
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**LITTLE LEGACY: June 19, July 10 and August 14** Enjoy crafts, games and kid-friendly entertainment on the Lawn from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.



**NORTH UNION FARMERS MARKET: Sundays, June 9 - September 22** Farmers market offering fresh produce and local goods every Sunday throughout the summer from 9 a.m.-noon. Located in the parking lot next to the Capital Grille.



**MEET THE MACHINES: Sunday, August 4**  
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## Beachwood High School Gallery of Success 13th Induction Ceremony



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This year's inductees included the late David A. Arnold, Marshall E. Barron, Monique Davis Gordon, Gayle I. Horwitz, Rebecca Boroff Suhy, Dr. Brian Weiss, and Alex Wyse.

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# Jewish Federation of Cleveland Volunteers at Israeli Kibbutz Affected by Oct. 7, 2023, Attacks

The Jewish Federation of Cleveland has established a partnership with Kibbutz Kissufim, a community in the Gaza Envelope that was among the 22 locations targeted by the terrorist group Hamas on Oct. 7, 2023. On that day, Hamas attacked Israel and brutally murdered more than 1,200 innocent people in multiple locations near the Gaza border – injuring thousands more and kidnapping over 250 individuals, including Shlomo Mantzur (age 86), who lived on Kibbutz Kissufim. A kibbutz is an intentional community in Israel that focuses on a communal lifestyle.

"The people of Kibbutz Kissufim – like so many in Israel – have suffered an unthinkable horror," said Jared Miller, chair of Federation's Kibbutz Kissufim partnership. "We are taught as Jews 'Kol yisrael arevim zeh bazeh – all of Israel are responsible for each other.' It is an honor to be able to work with these strong and determined people at this time of need."

According to Mark Holz, Beachwood resident and chair of Federation's Overseas Connections Committee, the partnership will work with the leaders of Kibbutz Kissufim as they begin the long process of addressing the various needs of the community. "There is no easy fix to what the people of Israel have had to endure since last Oct. 7," he said. "Through this partnership, we will be

able to help Kibbutz Kissufim – a strong community in its own right – every step of the way as it moves forward."

Recently a group of Clevelanders visited Kibbutz Kissufim as part of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland's Volunteer Mission to Israel. They spent two days volunteering at the kibbutz. The mission also visited memorials at Dizengoff Square and Hostage Square in Tel Aviv and the site of the Nova Music Festival; Ofakim (a small city near Gaza); Cleveland's sister city of Beit Shean; and Jerusalem.

Volunteers bore witness to the ongoing trauma from the Oct. 7 attacks and helped to begin restoring the communities directly affected with hope of their residents one day returning home. They volunteered with

Leket Israel, a food rescue organization, as they harvested kohlrabi in Rishon LeTsiyon.

They also brought cards from Cleveland Jewish day school students and made more with Israeli students, along with cakes to give to Israel Defense Forces soldiers. In Jerusalem, they met with evacuees from Northern Israel who fled from the rocket fire coming from Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Beachwood residents who went on the Volunteer Mission included Rick Diamond, Melanie Fletcher, Debbie

Hoffmann, David Leopold, and Laura Wolf (Volunteer Mission co-chair).

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Pictured left, front row: Kelly Rubanenko, Laura Wolf, Jill Pupa, Allison Wuliger, Ronna Kaplan, Melanie Fletcher, and Karen Baker. Back row: David Biegel, Debbie Hoffmann, David Leopold, Don Weinstein, and Rick Diamond.

Pictured clockwise from left: Don Weinstein, Karen Baker, Kelly Rubanenko, Melanie Fletcher, Rick Diamond, David Biegel, Laura Wolf, Allison Wuliger, and David Leopold.





*Pictured from left: Monique Davis Gordon, Gayle I. Horwitz, Bradford Douglas (a friend of the late David A. Arnold), Julie Arnold (wife of the late David A. Arnold), Marshall E. Barron, Rebecca Boroff Suhy, Dr. Brian Weiss. Not pictured: Alex Wyse. Photo by Dr. Ken Veon.*

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- **David A. Arnold** ('86), Stand-Up Comedian, Sitcom Writer, Producer, Actor
- **Marshall E. Barron** ('74), President, Barron Pharmacy
- **Monique Davis Gordon** ('96), Vice President, Global Local & Cultural Innovation, The Estée Lauder Companies
- **Gayle I. Horwitz** ('98), Civil Rights Attorney at U.S. Department of Education
- **Rebecca Boroff Suhy** ('95), Co-founder, Allison Rose Foundation
- **Dr. Brian Weiss** ('76), Podiatrist and Past President of the Beachwood Board of Education
- **Alex Wyse** ('05), Actor, Writer, Director, Producer

### Leaders of Change

The 2024 Gallery of Success inductees have made remarkable contributions across diverse fields, from entertainment and community service to medical innovation and civil rights. Their achievements underscore the powerful impact of Beachwood City Schools' alumni, demonstrating leadership, creativity, and dedication in improving both local and global communities.

Since its inception in 1985, the Gallery of Success has honored Beachwood graduates who have made substantial contributions in leadership, service, courage, humanitarianism, creativity, and their chosen careers, serving as inspiring role models for current and future students.

"I am continually impressed by the distinguished alumni who exemplify the enduring value of a Beachwood education," said Paul Chase, principal of Beachwood High School, in his opening remarks. "They illustrate how such an education not only ranks among the finest but also fosters lifelong opportunities."

In his welcome speech, superintendent Dr. Robert Hardis emphasized the personal growth and resilience of the alumni. "Each individual being recognized today was once a Beachwood student, just like all of you," Dr. Hardis said. "While they have followed different paths, they each demonstrate perseverance, resilience, and determination to make a positive impact on our world."

Board of Education president Megan Walsh recognized the unique journeys of the inductees. "Your paths may have all gotten their start here in Beachwood, yet each of you charted your own course to make significant contributions to our larger world. It is clear that each of these Beachwood graduates put our district's values into action."

Senior Nishan Shrestha, Student Council executive president, then commented on the importance of having role models as he and his peers prepare to make their own mark. "Each new inductee is a role model for all of us and proves that success can be

measured in many different ways," he said. "They show us that the future is not set in stone. It's something that we each create for ourselves."

During the ceremony, the Gallery of Success inductees expressed deep appreciation for the recognition from Beachwood City Schools, underscoring how this acknowledgment not only honored their achievements but also reinforced their connections to their roots. They imparted valuable life lessons to current students, encouraging them to embrace challenges, pursue their passions, and support each other. After the ceremony, the inductees engaged with the students more personally, answering questions and offering tailored advice during one-on-one interactions.

### Explore the Gallery

Scroll through the gallery below to learn more about each inductee's unique contributions and inspiring journeys.

*The induction program may be viewed on YouTube.*



## David A. Arnold • Class of 1986

*In recognition of his outstanding creative talents and success as a comedian, television producer, writer, show creator, and teacher, as well as his steadfast commitment to sobriety, mentorship, and excellence in the entertainment landscape, and of his service in the United States Navy.*

After graduating from Beachwood High School in 1986, David A. Arnold served his country in the United States Navy as a medic. Entertaining troops on the USO Comics on Duty Tour ignited his passion for making people laugh, yet Hollywood initially

closed its doors to him. Undeterred, David embarked on a remarkable climb from the bottom rung, creating his own opportunities in the entertainment industry. In 2001, David self-released his first comedy album: *Cause I Gotta Go to Work in the Morning*. Shortly thereafter, he wrote, produced, and directed three independent short films: *Because My Standup Is Not Enough!!*, *Til Death Do Us Part?*, and *The Garage Sale*.

His persistence paid off when he appeared on Def Comedy Jam, Comedy Central, and when he hosted the Laugh Factory's *Chocolate Sundaes* on Sunset Boulevard. David took the internet by storm sharing his journey as a loving husband to Julie and devoted father to Anna-Grace and Ashlyn. His unfiltered point of view and no-nonsense brand of parenting garnered two million followers across all social media platforms.

While touring to sold-out audiences and working as a writer/producer, David found time to teach hundreds of aspiring comedians in his popular class, *The Art of Standup Comedy*, to which he authored a companion book set to be published posthumously. His early works, first issued in the 1986 Beachwood High School magazine *Introspect*, laid the foundation for an illustrious career that included writing over 200 episodes of television. His early credits include *Meet the Browns*, *House of Payne*, and *Real Husbands of Hollywood*.

David's television journey culminated in becoming an accomplished producer for Netflix's *Fuller House*, Nickelodeon's *Side Hustle*, BET's *Bigger*, and as the creator and showrunner of *That Girl Lay Lay*, a hit TV show. One can witness David as a world-class comedian in his two Netflix

specials, *Fat Ballerina* (2020) and *It Ain't for the Weak* (2022).

Tragically, at the age of 54, he passed away unexpectedly at home, just as he was about to step center stage at Carnegie Hall while on his Pace Ya Self Tour. David's legacy lives on through his laughter-inducing contributions to the world of comedy and television.

**David's inspirational message, from a podcast interview (*The Ed Mylett Show*, 2022) right before he passed:** Anything worth

anything is not supposed to be easy. It's supposed to be hard. It's supposed to make you feel like ... Maybe I shouldn't do this. Maybe this is a mistake. Maybe I should quit. You have to want what you want hard enough that it cuts through all of that.



## Marshall E. Barron • Class of 1974

*In recognition of his expertise in the fertility industry helping prospective parents build families, and serving as a resource to reproductive endocrinologists and pharmaceutical manufacturers on best practices and innovations fostering greater patient comfort and pregnancy success rates.*

Marshall E. Barron has been a contributor to his profession and his community since graduating from Beachwood High School in 1974. As a leader in his industry, Marshall established Barron Pharmacy as

the first fertility pharmacy in Ohio and one of the first in the country. The pharmacy specialized in reproductive endocrinology and infertility services, serving clinics throughout the United States. Marshall played a critical role counseling patients and providing exceptional service and resources resulting in over 20,000 babies. For over 30 years, physicians and nurses counted on his expertise, professionalism, compassion and kindness in providing the best care possible for patients. He innovated compounding medicine and usage methods to help patients achieve and maintain pregnancy and minimize patient discomfort.

Marshall spoke at conferences throughout the country including for Resolve: The National Infertility Association, inspiring and educating potential parents and nurses. He served on various boards, including

The Partnership for Families at The Cleveland Clinic and at University Hospitals, helping to raise money and awareness for families with challenged resources. He advocated for newly diagnosed cancer patients for special consideration with manufacturers to preserve their fertility and on behalf of those serving in the military. He helped shape the response of the pharmaceutical industry to these unique circumstances.

He is a three-time Weatherhead 100 Upstart Companies award recipient. Marshall used his resources as a business owner and pharmacist to bring medications to the Jewish community in Cuba and sent medication to Ukraine during the current war through the Jewish Federation. During the COVID-19 pandemic, when supplies were limited, Marshall donated cases of hand sanitizer to the Beachwood

Police Department and testing kits to the Beachwood Board of Education. As a volunteer with the Cuyahoga County Medical Reserve Corps, Marshall administered COVID-19 vaccines at mass vaccination sites and participated in readiness for emergency missions. A graduate of Ohio Northern University College of Pharmacy, Marshall held memberships in the Ohio Pharmacists Association and the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, and participates in AIPAC and Israel Bonds.

Marshall and his wife Rosie Haim live in Beachwood and are parents to Shira, Class of 2011.

**Marshall's inspirational message:** Never underestimate how much you can help others by sharing your time, talent, and treasure.





## Monique Davis Gordon · Class of 1996

*In recognition of her leadership and achievements in the beauty industry, with expertise in marketing, as well as product and commercial innovation, and her dedication to ensure that the industry continues to expand its focus on inclusivity to better serve all consumers.*

Monique Davis Gordon is Vice President, Global Local & Cultural Innovation, at The Estée Lauder Companies. In this role, Monique works across the company's portfolio of brands to develop and

expand product and commercial innovation to increase relevancy with global multiethnic consumers. Monique also leads expertise across the intersection of Ageless and Skin of Color consumers to support acceleration across generations. With a passion for beauty inclusivity and deep product marketing experience, Monique has oversight of the Skincare and Fragrance categories, and collaborates with R&D, Product Development and Brand Marketing teams to ensure the company's products meet and exceed expectations for skin of color consumers.

Monique started her career at The Estée Lauder Companies as a presidential associate and has since held marketing roles of increasing responsibility at several brands within the company's portfolio, including Bobbi Brown, Aveda and Clinique. Additionally, Monique led marketing

categories at Avon Products Inc., including Skincare and Makeup. She also held a marketing position at Conair Corporation, responsible for driving the Hair Dryer and Ladies Grooming categories for key accounts, such as ULTA and Target. Monique returned to The Estée Lauder Companies in 2019.

Monique is a recipient of the Cosmetics Executive Women 2021 Emerging Leader Award for her business accomplishments in the beauty industry. Recently, Monique was part of a cross-functional team that created a marketing campaign for a Clinique skincare product which won the 2023 ARF David Ogilvy Award, the premier awards program that honors research and insights driven advertising.

Monique is proud to serve as global advisor for the Network of Black Leaders and Executives (N.O.B.L.E.), one of The Estée Lauder

Companies' employee affiliate groups with nearly 600 members worldwide. Under Monique's leadership, N.O.B.L.E. received the Seramount "2021 Above and Beyond Award" for galvanizing more than 4,000 employees to donate approximately \$3 million to social justice organizations in 2020.

Monique holds a bachelor's degree from Spelman College and a master's degree in Integrated Marketing Communications from Northwestern University. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and lives in Westchester, New York, with her husband and two children.

### Monique's inspirational

**message:** Life is for living and learning, so don't limit yourself. You can go as far as your mind lets you – what you believe, you can achieve.



## Gayle I. Horwitz · Class of 1998

*In recognition of her work as an attorney to end sex, race, and disability discrimination affecting students and educators across the United States, as well as her dedication and enthusiasm as a community volunteer, advocate for gun-violence prevention, and supporter of refugee families.*

When Gayle Horwitz was growing up, she dreamed of fighting for women's rights. Today, her work to end sex discrimination affects more than 60 million students and educators across the United States.

As an attorney in the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Gayle has served since 2021 on a small team drafting new Title IX regulations for the Biden Administration, where she has contributed to historic proposed updates to civil rights protections for students who are pregnant, LGBTQI+, or impacted by sexual violence. Previously, Gayle worked for 11 years in OCR's Cleveland enforcement office where she resolved hundreds of cases alleging race, sex, and disability discrimination against students. She also interned with the National Women's Law Center where she focused on student athletic issues.

Outside of work, Gayle is a dedicated and enthusiastic community volunteer. A lifelong lover of politics since serving as president of the Beachwood High School Class of 1998 and

secretary of Junior Council on World Affairs (JCWA), she now sits on the Executive Committee of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party, is a longtime election protection volunteer, and twice represented Ohio at the Democratic National Convention. Devoted to the well-being of children, Gayle serves on the board of the Joseph & Florence Mandel Jewish Day School, has led several initiatives to reduce community gun violence, and was honored for her work to support local refugee families. She is also founding president of the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the American Constitution Society, an organization that educates the legal community about critical civil rights issues.

Before becoming a lawyer, Gayle pursued her passion for journalism – which began during her stint as BHS' *Beachcomber* editor in chief –

through internships with ABC News and American Lawyer Media where she covered the U.S. Supreme Court.

A graduate of The George Washington University and Georgetown University Law Center, Gayle lives in Solon with her husband Matt Besser, and their two sons Sam and Ashton. She would especially like to thank her mom, Sandi Horwitz, and her dad and nominator, Martin S. Horwitz ('71), who, on Gayle's first day of kindergarten at Fairmount Elementary School, drove behind the bus videotaping and have never stopped cheering for her since.

### Gayle's inspirational

**message:** Never miss a chance to tell someone how much they mean to you and to the world. Valuing each other is the best thing we can do.



## Rebecca Boroff Suhy • Class of 1995

*In recognition of her effective leadership to mainstream food allergy awareness and preparedness after losing her daughter Allison, and as a co-founder and executive director of the Allison Rose Foundation, where she has led state and national efforts to provide life-saving education and emergency supplies to schools and other organizations.*

In 2017, Rebecca (Becca) and her husband Michael lost their oldest daughter, Allison, a freshman at Ohio

University, to a severe food allergy reaction. She was the light of their life, best friend to her 16-year-old sister Jenna (now 22), and role model to her eight-year-old brother Ryan (now 15). The loss was indescribable.

After losing Allison, Becca and Michael vowed to find purpose in their tragedy, honoring Allison and creating her legacy. In November 2018, they launched the Allison Rose Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to changing the lives of food allergy families through education, awareness, research, and advocacy. Severe food allergies continue to be misunderstood. If proper education were mainstream and stock epinephrine was accessible, food allergy sufferers, their support systems, and the general population would be properly informed. They would be prepared to understand, recognize and effectively manage

a severe food allergy and life-threatening reaction.

Becca serves as co-founder and executive director of the Allison Rose Foundation while continuing her decades-long career as an accomplished marketing and public relations consultant. She has proven success within agencies, non-profit and corporate organizations and provides strategy to grow the Allison Rose Foundation. The foundation now has national reach with life-changing and life-saving accomplishments. In collaboration with a renowned medical advisory board of acclaimed food allergists, the Allison Rose Foundation retains a team of first responders and medical professionals who teach and train thousands of individuals each year. The organization has also passed Ohio legislation, the "Allison Rose Act," that encourages

food allergy education and training in schools, as well as facilitates access to stock epinephrine through partnerships with Code Ana and the Hoyt Institute of Food Allergy.

In 2021, Becca was recognized by Spokin as one of the Top 100 Women in Food Allergies, and the Allison Rose Foundation has been featured in many articles and segments, including the *Washington Post* and *Today*.

Becca and her husband, Allison Rose Foundation co-Founder Michael, live in Independence with their son Ryan. Their daughter Jenna resides in Chicago and works in public relations.

### Becca's inspirational

**message:** Each of us has the power to transform tragedy into a catalyst for change, to channel grief into purpose.



## Dr. Brian Weiss • Class of 1976

*In recognition of his leadership on the Beachwood Board of Education for 17 years, service to the community, including as a bond levy chairperson, accomplishments in the field of podiatry, and as a board member of the Northeast Ohio Academy of Podiatric Medicine and the Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Ohio.*

Dr. Brian Weiss began his Beachwood Schools education in fourth grade. After marrying his wife Dawn ('78), they returned to Beachwood to raise and educate

their four children, each with their own learning style and needs. His involvement and commitment began as he wanted to learn and be part of their educational journey. Brian served on over 20 committees before being appointed to an open seat on the Board of Education in 2004. Serving over 17 years, the second longest tenure of any Board member, Brian served as president or vice president for 12 years.

There were many exciting times, including working closely with the administration on the rebuilding of BHS, and challenging times while leading the Board through the COVID pandemic. His experiences and leadership will leave a mark on the Beachwood Schools for many years. Brian says that sometimes difficult decisions were made easier by following his principle of always doing what is best for kids. His dedication continued after leaving the board by chairing a successful

bond issue campaign that raised \$65 million to rebuild Bryden and Hilltop elementary buildings.

Brian attended Cleveland State University for three years before being granted early admission to the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine. He practiced podiatry for 35 years with an emphasis on geriatrics. He serviced over 25 senior, assisted living, nursing care and memory care facilities. Brian has served as the treasurer and executive board member of the Northeast Ohio Academy of Podiatric Medicine for over 20 years. For 37 years, Brian has served as a committee member producing one of the largest podiatric educational seminars in the state, presenting medical specialists from around the world.

For many years, Brian served as a board member and president of the Upside of Downs (now the Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Ohio), a support group serving

hundreds of families of children and adults with Down Syndrome.

He has been a member, for over 40 years, of the Owatonna Knights of Pythias lodge, a fraternal organization based on charity, friendship and benevolence.

Brian and Dawn proudly live in Beachwood. Their four children and seven grandchildren, including an eighth expected in the summer of 2024, live locally.

### Brian's inspirational

**message:** Find someone you love. Create a family that you love and loves you. Find a career that you love and do it well. Find a way and a reason to love helping others. Continue to do all of the above and don't stop, don't change, don't quit. The dividends that you receive on a daily basis are immeasurable. Accolades or recognition are an unnecessary bonus.





## Alex Wyse • Class of 2005

*In recognition of his illustrious career in theater, film and television as a multi-talented, multi-faceted actor, writer, director, and producer, as well as his efforts to broaden representation of the LGBTQ community on stage and screen.*

Alex Wyse is an actor, writer, director, and producer who currently resides in New York City. Last year, his debut film as a writer and director, *Summoning Sylvia*, opened in 23

markets across the country, received a 100% on Rotten Tomatoes, is currently streaming on Starz, and was nominated for a GLAAD Media Award. Last year, he also performed on Broadway in the play *Good Night Oscar* opposite Tony and Emmy winner Sean Hayes. Additionally, his solo musical, *Picking Up Speed*, which he wrote and performed, debuted in New York to acclaim.

Alex's other theater credits include the Broadway musicals *Waitress*, *Deaf West's Spring Awakening* (during which he performed on the Tony Awards and on *Late Night with Seth Meyers*), and *Lysistrata Jones*. He also performed in the national tour of *Wicked* (including a stint at Playhouse Square), and off-Broadway in *Ride the Cyclone*, *Bare*, and *Triassic Park*.

Alex was the co-writer and star of *A Commercial Jingle for Regina Comet*, the first new musical to open off-Broadway after the pandemic, and he co-wrote, directed, and starred in the Emmy-nominated and Indie Series Award winning *Indoor Boys*, which now streams on Here TV. On television, he has played roles in *Iron Fist*, *Masters of Sex*, *Bored to Death*, *The Bold and the Beautiful*, *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, *The Other Two*, *NCIS: LA*, *Switched at Birth*, *Modern Family*, *Agent X*, *A to Z*, and *Bad Judge*. His film credits include *X/Y*, opposite America Ferrera.

Alex has also worked as an actor around the country, performing at theaters like Hartford Stage, The Wallis Annenberg, Paper Mill Playhouse, The Cleveland Play House, Maltz Jupiter Theatre, Daegu

International Musical Festival, The Cleveland Lyric Opera, Huntington Theatre Company, and The Lyric Stage Company of Boston. He served as a co-producer on the Pulitzer-finalist and Tony-nominated play, *What the Constitution Means to Me*, on Broadway, as well as its subsequent national tour.

Alex received his BFA in Theatre Arts from Boston University and he is proud to have grown up in Beachwood.

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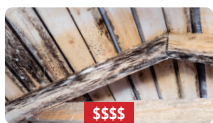
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# Arbor Day 2024

**O**n Friday, April 26, the City of Beachwood held its 28th Arbor Day celebration. In Ohio, the last Friday in April is designated as Arbor Day, but any day can be Arbor Day if you care about trees and the environment.

Chris Vild, Public Works environmental manager, welcomed guests, saying, "Most holidays celebrate something that has already happened and is worth remembering, like a day someone was born or a past event. Arbor Day reflects a hope for the future and the trees planted on Arbor Day show concern for future generations."

He then explained how the simple act of planting a tree represents a belief that the tree will grow and, some day, provide wildlife habitat, erosion control, shelter from the wind and the sun, beauty, and inspiration for ourselves and future generations.

"Planting a tree is like buying a savings bond," he said. "It has minimal value at first but, as it matures, its value increases. Trees are the only infrastructure that appreciate in value with age."

He then introduced Mayor Justin Berns, and welcomed City Council members, city administrators, school district officials, Fairmount Early Childhood participants, and staff.

Mayor Berns said, "The act of planting trees symbolizes our commitment to environmental

stewardship and serves as a tangible expression of our dedication to building a more sustainable world. Let us seize this opportunity to plant the seeds of a greener future, and to rededicate ourselves to the timeless principles of environmental stewardship and conservation."

He then presented a proclamation, proclaiming this date as Arbor Day in the City of Beachwood, and said, "Now let's plant these Arbor Day trees!"

Preschoolers from the Fairmount Early Childhood Center then teamed up with Beachwood city officials to plant six trees, including a maple, burr oak, hophornbeam, Redmond linden and two redbuds near the Beachwood pickleball courts, at 25125 Fairmount Blvd.

Chris then thanked Mayor Berns and City Council for generously supporting the city's urban forestry program. "They understand the value trees bring to our city, enhancing the quality of life for our residents," he said.

He also thanked Karen Leeds and her colleagues at Fairmount School for allowing the city to partner with them in this year's Arbor Day celebration; Matt

Markiewicz, forestry foreman; Alison Ingham-Smith and Michelle Miller, Public Works administrative assistants; and the tree crew for the management of our city's tree program. "They are the reason our program is a success," Chris said.

To complete the celebration, snacks were available for all, and Chris encouraged the children to come back and visit the trees that they planted to see them grow, the same way they will grow as they turn into adults.



Service Director Chris Arrietta, Mayor Justin Berns, Council Member Ali Stern with her children, Building Commissioner Brian Roenigk, Community Services Director Derek Schroeder, Environmental Manager Chris Vild, Council Members Danielle Shoykhet, Jillian DeLong, and Joshua Mintz, and Assistant Public Works Director Mark Lopez.





# Beachwood Arts Council Happenings



## If It Stands Still

**Sat., June 1 – Fri., June 28 • Beachwood Community Center**

Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Weekends: Call 216.292.1970 for available hours

**Opening Reception: Sat., June 1 • 5-7 p.m.**

This art exhibit will feature works by Kathleen Craig, Cody Heichel, and Jean Koeller.

Kathleen is an oil painter whose work in abstract realism encompasses still lifes, landscapes, and figures. She works from observation, memory, and imagination with an emphasis on color, composition, and expression.

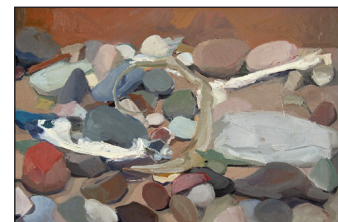
When Cody paints, he drifts between modes of observing,

remembering, and imagining. This combination of translating what is in front of him and exploring what is within him is the part of his artistic process that he finds most meaningful.

Jean is a landscape and still-life painter. Her still-life paintings are built around objects she finds while painting en plein air. These objects are integrated into her studio painting during rainy days



Above: Kathleen Craig  
Right top: Cody Heichel  
Right bottom: Jean Koeller



and winter. The arrangements continue to celebrate her love of color and nature.

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TMJD encompasses a range of conditions affecting the temporomandibular joint (TMJ), which connects the jawbone to the skull. TMJD may result from factors such as jaw misalignment, teeth grinding (bruxism), stress, arthritis, or injury to the jaw.

### Common symptoms include;

- Jaw pain
- Clicking or popping sounds
- Difficulty chewing
- Dizziness
- Headaches
- Earaches



## The Role of Physical Therapy:

Physical therapy for TMJD involves a tailored approach aimed at addressing the underlying causes and relieving symptoms. Our skilled physical therapists begin by conducting comprehensive evaluations to assess the patient's jaw function, posture, muscle strength, and range of motion. Based on this assessment, a personalized treatment plan is developed.

## Key Components of Physical Therapy:

**Manual Therapy:** Hands-on techniques such as massage, myofascial release, and joint mobilization are used to alleviate muscle tension, improve flexibility, and restore proper jaw alignment.



**Exercises:** Specific exercises are prescribed to strengthen weak muscles, stretch tight muscles, and improve overall jaw mobility. These exercises may include jaw opening and closing movements, resistance training, and postural exercises to correct alignment issues.

**Modalities:** Therapeutic modalities such as dry needling and deep tissue laser therapy may be utilized to reduce pain, inflammation, and muscle spasms in the jaw area.

**Education and Self-Management:** Patients are educated about TMJD triggers, proper jaw posture, relaxation techniques, and self-care strategies to manage symptoms at home.

**Behavioral Therapy:** Since stress and anxiety can exacerbate TMJD symptoms, cognitive-behavioral techniques may be incorporated to help patients manage stress, reduce teeth clenching or grinding habits, and promote relaxation.

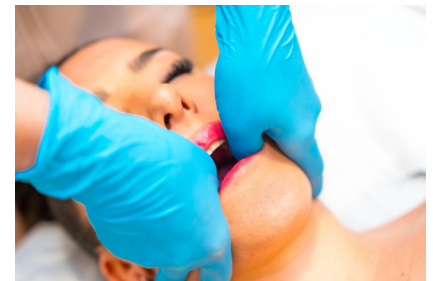
**Physical therapy offers a multitude of benefits for those with TMJD:**

**Pain Relief:** By targeting tight muscles and improving jaw alignment, physical therapy can significantly reduce jaw pain and discomfort.

**Improved Function:** Through targeted exercises and manual techniques, patients can regain normal jaw mobility and chewing function.

**Non-Invasive Approach:** Physical therapy offers a conservative, non-surgical alternative to managing TMJD, minimizing the need for invasive interventions.

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## Conclusion:

Physical therapy is a holistic approach to managing Temporomandibular Joint Disorder. By addressing underlying musculoskeletal imbalances, promoting proper jaw function, and empowering patients with self-care strategies, our physical therapists can play a pivotal role in unlocking relief and improving the quality of life for individuals grappling with TMJD. If you're struggling with TMJD symptoms, consider consulting with a Balance Solutions physical therapist to embark on your journey towards a pain-free, functional jaw.

- Kelly Beaudoin, CEO  
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# Beachwood's Compost Program Hails "Rot and Roll!"

By Arlene Fine

**C**heryl Isaacson is doing her part for the environment – one banana peel, eggshell, popsicle stick, and chicken bone at a time. The Beachwood resident has joined the city's free composting program, introduced on Earth Day 2024 (April 22), and run by Rust Belt Riders (RBR).

The timing of this program is right on. According to ReFED, a California-based nonprofit dedicated to ending food waste, Americans waste about 400 pounds of food per household per year. That translates to about 35% of the total U.S. food supply ending up in the trash.

Just like the 221 Beachwood residents who have registered for the program to date, Cheryl is strongly motivated to recycle household food waste for these reasons:

1. Food waste that rots in a landfill generates methane gas, second only to carbon dioxide as a factor in climate warming.
2. Recycling organic materials and nutrients provides a valuable soil amendment. The decomposed matter, compost, is commonly called "black gold" by farmers and gardeners.
3. Composting helps prevent soil erosion. When compost is mixed with soil, the dense, rich soil holds more water.
4. Composting reduces solid waste management costs since food scraps are one of the largest and heaviest portions of the waste stream, making their recovery by composting increasingly cost-effective compared to disposal.

Even before Beachwood partnered with RBR, Cheryl had joined a growing crop of area composters. "I bought a small composting bin and some compost bags for my kitchen counter and dropped off the contents of my 5-gallon

composting bucket at nearby RBR locations," she said.

Recycling kitchen waste soon became an everyday routine for the Isaacson family. "Whenever I cleaned out my refrigerator or had compostable kitchen scraps, I tossed them into my odor-free compost bucket, rather than the garbage disposal or trash can," she said.

The amount of kitchen waste that went into Cheryl's family recycling bin became evident when she and her friend, Beachwood resident Lisa Mayers, began a recycling competition. "Since January 2024, Lisa and I weighed our compost each month," Cheryl said. "At last count we both had accumulated 180 pounds of kitchen waste. It's amazing to think that all this compostable material would have gone into a landfill or down the disposal."

Composting was something Lisa initially introduced to her family out of a sense of guilt. "I always had a nagging feeling I wasn't doing my share for the environment," she said. Once she began composting, Lisa couldn't believe how easy and rewarding it was. "When I pick up a full, heavy composting bucket I can tangibly feel the results of my family's food recycling," she said.

Lisa's composting efforts have been so successful over the past two years that she has not used her garbage disposal in months, she said. "All my kitchen scraps go right into my compost bin. No more frantic calls to the plumber to fix a clogged disposal!"

Another perk of recycling compost with RBR is the ability to buy compost-rich soil, called tilth, from the company at a

## City of Beachwood Composting Program

- Sign up FREE online at [www.beachwoodohio.com/composting](http://www.beachwoodohio.com/composting)
- Collect your food scraps at home
- Bring them to the drop-off bins located outside the Beachwood Community Center
- Unlock the bin with your unique code that will be provided during registration
- Dump your food scraps in the bin and re-lock
- If you have trouble signing up online, call 216.464.1070
- Rust Belt Riders recommends a 5-gallon bucket with a lid
- Plan to empty your bucket weekly into the drop-off bins
- To view acceptable composting items, visit the website above

reduced price. Cheryl plans to use this nutrient-dense soil in her Beachwood Community Garden plot this summer. "This is the perfect recycling circle," she said. "We are doing just as nature intended."

Beachwood City Council is pleased with the progress of the program. It was announced at their May 6 meeting that 1,489 pounds of food scraps had been dropped off at the city's compost center in less than a month.

For more information on RBR, visit [www.rustbeltriders.com](http://www.rustbeltriders.com). To register for Beachwood's

compost initiative and to learn what is and isn't compostable, visit [BeachwoodOhio.com/composting](http://BeachwoodOhio.com/composting).



Top: Cheryl Isaacson and Lisa Mayers enjoy a friendly composting competition to see who can recycle the most kitchen scraps each month.

Bottom: The ribbon cutting of the Rust Belt Rider drop-off bins outside the Beachwood Community Center. From left: Council Member Danielle Shoykhet, Mayor Justin Berns, Zoe Apisdorf (Rustbelt Riders), Council Member Ali Stern, and Council Member Josh Mintz.



# Don't Sweat Your Summer Family Reunion



## Dear JFSA:

*I love my family, but I am dreading our family reunion this summer. We have a lot of out-of-town family coming here and they are all outspoken and quick to argue everything, especially the politics of the day. It's a tough crowd, but is there any way I can minimize what I expect to be a tinderbox of emotions?*

## Answer:

Navigating a family reunion successfully, especially when aiming to avoid potential conflicts or awkward situations, can require a bit of strategy and thoughtfulness. Here are some tips that can help you and your family enjoy your reunion:

**Set Realistic Expectations:** We all know that family reunions can bring out both the best and the worst in people. Prepare mentally for the dynamics you know you will encounter, and don't expect everyone to change overnight.

**Stay Positive and Flexible:** Keep a positive attitude and be adaptable. Things may not go exactly as planned, but with a flexible approach, you can manage any unexpected situations that arise.

**Plan Conversation Topics:** Think ahead about safe and enjoyable topics to discuss. Avoid known contentious issues like politics, religion, or personal finances. Instead, focus on sharing positive life updates, reminiscing about good old days, or discussing neutral topics like movies, books, or travel.

**Keep Activities Ready:** Plan activities that can keep everyone engaged and reduce idle time, which can lead to unwanted discussions. Games, photo slideshows, or group outings can be great distractions and fun for all ages.

**Create a Buffer:** If there are particular family members who tend to start conflicts, try to seat them apart from each other, or schedule activities in a way that keeps them busy.

**Use Humor Wisely:** Humor can lighten the mood and diffuse tension but be cautious. Avoid jokes that could be offensive or that might touch on sensitive subjects. You know your family and their humor tolerance!

**Have an Exit Strategy:** If conversations start to heat up, have a polite way to excuse yourself. You might need to check on something in another room, help with the food preparations, or take a quick call.

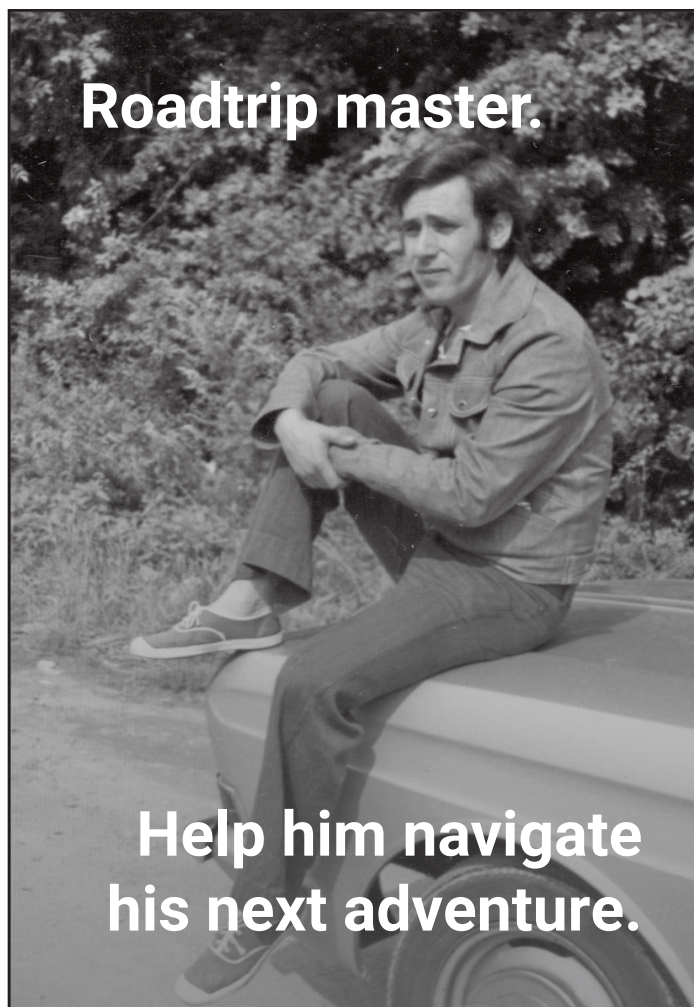
**Manage Alcohol Consumption:** This might be difficult to follow on a hot summer day, but alcohol can sometimes loosen tongues and lower inhibitions in ways that might not be conducive to a peaceful gathering.

Remember, the goal of a family reunion is to strengthen bonds and create happy memories, so focusing on the positive aspects of your family and the gathering can help you navigate it more effectively.



If you would like more information, contact Carl Vondracek M.Ed, PCC-S at [cvondracek@jfsa-cleveland.org](mailto:cvondracek@jfsa-cleveland.org) or 216-378-3405. If you would like to submit a question to "Ask JFSA", email it to [info@jfsa-cleveland.org](mailto:info@jfsa-cleveland.org).

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# Allison Gross on Jeopardy!

On Tuesday, May 7, Allison Gross, Beachwood High School graduate, class of 2009, earned her way in the spotlight as a contestant on *Jeopardy!*

Allison, who began watching the show with her parents and grandparents as a child, was always really good at the game. In college, she tried out for the show but didn't make it through the process. Then, in June 2023, her mom, Shelley Gross, convinced her to try out again.

"I told her fine, I'll do it, nothing will ever happen," Allison told us.

The application process was a long one. First, Allison took an online test. Then, about six months later, she was asked back for the second round, on Zoom.

"I was surprised to hear back because of the lapse of time," she recalled. "Plus, I didn't think I had done well in the first round."

Allison was more confident after the second round and was then asked back for a third

round, which better simulated the process on the show.

Then, about six months later, while on her way to see a play, she received a phone call from Sony to see if her information was up to date and if she could be in Los Angeles on April 2 to tape.

"My body was pulsing with adrenaline during the play," she said. "I never thought this would happen because 100,000 people take the first test and about 400 make it through the process."

Allison then went to Los Angeles, with her family there to support her. "I was told to bring several outfits because they tape five to six episodes a day," she said. "Before taping the actual show, contestants go through wardrobe, makeup, and a practice round. I didn't



Jeopardy host Ken Jennings with three-time winner Allison Gross.

actually know when taping would begin until about 10 minutes prior."

To prep, Allison played old games and read up on certain topics. "It's hard to take in massive amounts of new info in six weeks so it was pretty much the luck of the draw when playing."

Her first show aired on May 7. Allison took the lead and kept it after the first Daily Double, winning \$9,599. On May 8, she won \$9,999. On May 9, she became a three-time winner, winning \$25,000, bringing her new total to \$44,598. Then, on May 10, Allison was defeated, ending her three-game winning streak.

"This was a whirlwind adventure," Allison said. "I'm so glad to have had this opportunity. It was so much fun. I got to hang out with other people who love *Jeopardy!* as much as I do and I made new friends along the way."

Allison, a Beachwood resident, moved back from Baltimore during the pandemic. She works in process improvements and loves to solo travel. She participated in a semester at sea during college, visiting 12 countries in four months, and caught the bug to see the world. She is a certified diver and looks forward to her upcoming seven-week adventure to Indonesia and Japan.



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# Beachwood Chamber of Commerce Business to Business Expo and Women's Entrepreneur Summit



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# Will Joe Biden be on the November Ballot in Ohio? ... Probably.

By State Senator Kent Smith

**D**ue to what could be described as a bookkeeping error in Ohio law, President Joe Biden may not *legally* qualify to be on the Ohio ballot in November. Will it be fixed? In a normal Ohio General Assembly, that answer should be **yes**. But these are not normal times, my friends.

## Here is the background:

Existing Ohio election law requires political parties to certify their presidential ticket by August 7. But the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago – where Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris will be officially renominated – is scheduled for August 19-22. Democrats can't change the dates of their convention, so it's up to the Ohio Legislature to change the law (they have done this in the past when it has needed to happen) to get Biden on the ballot. And that is the problem.

Everyone agrees that Joe Biden should be on the ballot – even the most conservative members of the Ohio GOP have said as much. But the two Republican leaders of the Ohio House and the Ohio Senate are currently in a proxy war to see who will become the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives beginning on Jan. 1, 2025.

That power struggle between the current Speaker of the House and the Senate president has led to the least productive Ohio General Assembly since

1955 and the least productive full-time legislature in the nation. In other words, it is not just the *Get President Biden On The Ballot* issue that the Ohio House and the Ohio Senate can't agree on. These two Republican legislative leaders can't agree on almost anything right now.

## What if the Ohio Legislature can't fix this?

The Courts could place President Biden on the Ohio ballot or the national Democratic Party might be able to clarify

their nomination process before August 7 for the benefit of Ohio.

Do I think Joe Biden will be on the November ballot in Ohio? Yes. Is it a statewide embarrassment that this issue has yet to be fixed? Also, yes. Stay tuned, Ohio.

*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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# Musical Comedy About Aging Raises Awareness, Funds, and Laughter

**N**ot a Day Over *Fabulous*, a musical comedy presented by the Cleveland Senior Network and One Of A KIND Theater Company, will take the stage on Saturday, June 8, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, June 9, 3 p.m., at Disciples Christian Church, 3663 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland Heights.

This musical features three Beachwood performers: Cheryl Eitman, Bruce Bogart, and Bob Finkenthal.

The theater company, founded and directed by Jill Koslen-Freireich, former Beachwood Community Theater director, partners with local and national charities to create awareness and raise funds. Last year, the group raised \$7,000 for the Alzheimer's Association. This year, they hope to double that.

The production is a musical comedy based on aging. It jokes about the every day aches and pains that most adults encounter. It covers topics like knee replacements, frequent

doctor's visits, pee leaks, E.D., menopause, assisted living, and learning to laugh at your ailments rather than kvetch about them. Many audience members shared that they hadn't laughed so much or so hard in a very, long time.

The production is directed by Jill and choreographed by Julie Schullo.

"Join us for an evening of laughter and music, for a great cause," said Jill. "Come out, enjoy the show, and support the actors, because laughter is the best medicine!"

## How can you support the cause?

- Attend the show on Saturday, June 8, at 7:30 p.m. or Sunday, June 9, 3 p.m., at Disciples Church, 3663 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland Heights
- Donate directly to [act.alz.org/goto/CLESeniorNetMusical](https://act.alz.org/goto/CLESeniorNetMusical)
- Create a fundraiser on social media
- Contact the Alzheimer's Association at 440.543.6766 to see how you get involved



## Not a Day Over **FABULOUS**

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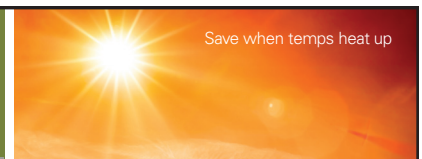
Dessert Reception to Follow

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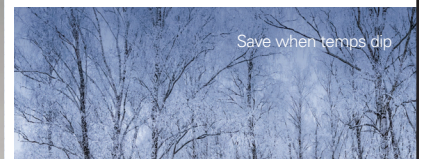
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You may purchase tickets (\$20/each) at [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or [ClevelandSeniorNetwork.org/](https://www.ClevelandSeniorNetwork.org/). For group sales, contact Melinda Smith at 216.409.8140.

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# Just One Moment

By Jen Stern

**A**nyone else feeling emotionally depleted by the reality that the world's integrity pendulum is swinging in the direction of intensified divisiveness, hate, fear, dishonesty? Are you living in a state of chronic stress?

Boundaries! Protect your peace. You know who and what triggers you. Give yourself permission to detach. To limit exposure, interactions, entanglement.

Thank goodness it is spring! Put down the electronics, turn the TV off. Get outside among the flowers, green grass, blooming trees. Find moments of restorative respite in nature.

Create emotional space to fully inhale, exhale, reset.

Look inward and focus on how you wish to feel in the moment you are in. Just one moment at a

time. Slow your mind, your body, your breath.

Pick an object (tulips, hostas, cherry blossoms, a tree, your feet in the grass, clouds in the sky ...) and just observe its shape, depth of color, the way it moves gently in the wind, or grounds itself.

Take time to appreciate its magnificence. Consider its lifecycle. It's resilience. Its purpose in nature. Breathe in slowly for a count of four, hold your breath for a count of four, exhale for a count of four. Repeat.

Place your hand on your heart, breathe gently, deeply for a

count of four. Hold calm within your heart for a count of four. Release worry and stress for a count of four.

Breathe in calm. Breathe out worry and stress. This meditation allows your mind and body to rest, a practice of prioritizing peace as self-care. Just a few minutes, which we all have, will quiet your body's stress response. Connecting to your breath, to nature, to just being present in a moment of calm will release oxytocin and bring your body into a state of peacefulness.

Stretch.  
Drink water.  
Move your body.  
Connect with gratitude.  
Honor your boundaries.  
Show yourself and others grace.

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

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## Check Yourself: Preventive Care Needs for Men



Greg Hall, M.D., University Hospitals Primary Care Provider and Medical Director at University Hospitals Cutler Center for Men

**M**en face a unique set of health challenges. With an average lifespan of seven years less than women and leading women in 14 out of the 15 leading causes of death in the U.S., comprehensive and preventive care for men is essential.

The men's health experts at University Hospitals Cutler Center for Men have introduced the Guy's Care Checklist. A comprehensive guide to preventive care through all ages and stages of life, the checklist is designed to help men get the care they need to stay ahead of their health.

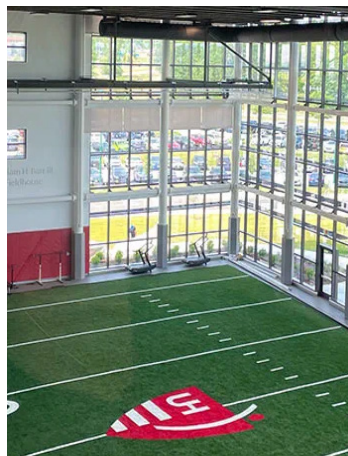
### The Annual Wellness Visit

After leaving the care of a pediatrician (around age 18), men should establish care with a primary care provider. Primary care providers have a window into your overall health and it's important to have a relationship with one that you know and trust. Establishing a relationship with a PCP allows that provider to better serve you, your goals, and your needs.

Annual wellness visits are important at all ages – but the goals of the appointment will differ based on your stage in life. In addition to taking physical and vital measurements and a personal and family health history review, an annual PCP visit is also when your provider reviews medications and discusses any conditions like hypertension, arthritis, or diabetes. Immunizations and vaccines according to age can also be administered.

Your PCP will also order additional testing such as a blood panel, cholesterol check, or sexually transmitted infection (STI) screening – all offering additional opportunities to proactively monitor and improve your health.

"Your annual wellness visit with a primary care provider is the single most important health touchpoint. Seeing a PCP with regularity allows for the most comprehensive preventive care measures, potentially limiting less favorable health interactions down the road," says Greg Hall, M.D., University Hospitals Primary Care Provider and Medical Director at University Hospitals Cutler Center for Men.



### Recommended Screenings for Men

Beyond an annual checkup, men may benefit from other screenings and types of care.

- **Starting at age 20**, an annual dental cleaning, vision exam, and dermatological screening is recommended for guys.
- **Around age 40**, glaucoma tests should be issued as part of vision exams to ensure eye pressure is normal with no damage to the optic nerve.
- **At age 45**, pending a family history, colonoscopy screening and prostate cancer screening become a crucial part of care.

Other health needs may include an allergy checkup (including testing and

medication renewal), hair loss evaluation, hearing exam, or a referral to a urologist for a variety of reproductive and sexual health conditions.

"It's important to know that men's health goes beyond issues related to male anatomy. There are dozens of medical specialty care units that exist to help you keep your whole body at its best. Your PCP is able to refer you to any and all of them in a preventive manner or as needed for treatment," says Dr. Hall.

To schedule an appointment with a primary care provider or to find one, visit [UHhospitals.org/Ahuja](http://UHhospitals.org/Ahuja).

For more information about UH Cutler Center for Men or to become a member, visit [UHhospitals.org/CutlerCenter](http://UHhospitals.org/CutlerCenter).



# THE INSIDER

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MAYOR JUSTIN BERNIS

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## THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### JOIN OUR TALENT POOL - COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Our community thrives when its citizens actively participate in shaping its future. Your engagement in local government is not just appreciated; it's essential for the continued growth and prosperity of our city. Today, I invite you to become part of a select group of individuals who are ready to step up and serve when opportunities arise by joining our Talent Pool for Committees, Boards and Commissions.

While there are currently no vacancies, you will be considered for future openings by becoming part of this group. To learn more about opportunities to contribute, we invite you to visit our webpage showcasing our various boards and commissions at [beachwoodohio.com/boards](http://beachwoodohio.com/boards) or reach out to the Mayor's office at 216.292.1901 with questions.

As a member of the Talent Pool, you will play a direct role in shaping our city's future. You can indicate your availability and areas of interest, ensuring that you are matched with opportunities that align with your skills, passions and schedule. And your willingness to serve contributes to the vibrancy and effectiveness of our boards and commissions, allowing them to reflect the diversity and skills within our community.

Below is a list of some of the areas in which residents can participate:

**Planning & Zoning Commission** – Guides the growth and development of a community

**Audit Committee** – Oversees financial reporting, internal controls and risk management

**Architectural Review Board** – Oversees the aesthetic and historical integrity of buildings and developments within the community

**Civil Service Commission** – Oversees the recruitment, selection and employment practices within the Civil Service system

**Records Commission** – Oversees the management and retention of public records

**Tax Board of Review** – Responsible for hearing and adjudicating appeals related to property tax assessments

**Charter Review Committee** – Temporary committee tasked with reviewing and evaluating the provisions in a municipality charter

#### Storm Water Commission

– Plays a role in protecting water quality, reducing flood risk and promoting sustainable stormwater management; facilitates development of Storm Water Management Plan, as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as part of the Phase II Storm Water Discharge Regulations

**Community Improvement Corporation** – This is the designated agency for development of Beachwood and has been organized for the purposes of advancing, encouraging and promoting the industrial, economic, commercial and civic development in the city

**Loan Review Committee** – Assists the Community Improvement Corporation with handling of the Revolving Loan Fund. Members are composed of those with expertise as CPAs, accountants, commercial loan officers, credit analysts, loan review personnel, compliance officers, internal auditors, credit administrators, along with other key stakeholders and professionals

**Innovation Committee** – Assists the Community Improvement Corporation with business commercialization, innovation, technology, research and development. Members have backgrounds in bio-tech, bio-medical, life sciences, R&D and technology

To be part of our Talent Pool, simply email your contact information and a brief overview of your qualifications and interests to [Mayorsoffice@beachwoodohio.com](mailto:Mayorsoffice@beachwoodohio.com). Your commitment to civic engagement is invaluable, and your willingness to serve sets an example for others in our community. Together, we can continue to build a city that we are proud to call home.

Thank you for your dedication to and enthusiasm for our community's future.



Mayor Justin Bernis, [MayorBernis@beachwoodohio.com](mailto:MayorBernis@beachwoodohio.com)



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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**APRIL 15, 2024 - MAY 6, 2024**

The city is focusing on six key areas essential for the city's advancement. These delineations serve not only as a roadmap but as a guiding light for our city's progress. Each legislative update highlights ordinances within these critical focus areas, underscoring the measures we are undertaking within each.

### Community Engagement and Program Delivery – Improving Community Well-Being

On April 15, Council passed a **motion authorizing the Clerk to advertise for bids** for the replacement of the 3-Meter Diving Board Platform at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center to make the platform safer for divers.

**Resolution 2024-9** was adopted authorizing the city to enter into a contract with SuperGames for the rental of inflatables and other associated equipment for Beachwood's 2024 Fall Festival for \$25,999.

### Fiscal Responsibility – Fostering Accountability and Efficiency

**Ordinance 2024-47** was approved by City Council authorizing the city to charge a 3% convenience fee to cover the cost of credit and debit card transactions used in the Building Department to pay for fees and permits.

On April 18, Council introduced and passed Ordinance **2024-50** appointing the Law Firm of Roetzel and Andress and attorney R. Todd Hunt to serve as Law Director for the City of Beachwood. Mr. Hunt has over 40 years of experience serving as a municipal attorney.

### Infrastructure Improvements – Enhancing Quality of Life and Community Service

On April 15, Council passed a **motion authorizing the Clerk to advertise for bids** for the 2024 Road Program - Phase II which includes work on sections of Timberlane, Letchworth and Wendover, as well as Fire Station Drive.

On May 6, Council approved **Resolution 2024-8** accepting the bid Tri-Mor Corp. submitted in the amount of \$2,045,083.50 for the resurfacing of parking lots at City Hall, the Police Department, Community Center and Beachwood Family Aquatic Center (2024 Road Program Phase I).

**Ordinance 2024-52** was placed on 1st reading on May 6. The proposed legislation adjusts the boundaries between the City of Beachwood, Ohio, and Orange Village, designating the Zoning District of the New Territory.

### Public Safety – Strengthening Community Resilience

Council approved **Ordinance 2024-22 on May 6**. This ordinance reclassifies several properties currently utilized for institutional and public assembly purposes. The rezoning places these institutions under the proper U-5 zoning category, while implementing appropriate safety regulations for gatherings held at these locations. This ordinance went through the required process for re-zoning of properties - introduced and referred to the Planning Commission on February 5. On March 18, it was placed on a second reading and had a Public Hearing on May 6.

### STAY ENGAGED IN YOUR COMMUNITY:



Meeting agendas, minutes including legislation, live and recorded meetings are available on our website at [BeachwoodOhio.com](https://BeachwoodOhio.com) or please attend an upcoming meeting.

Council passed **Resolution 2024-6** to accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement for wages and benefits with the Fraternal Order of Police, Beachwood Lodge 86 (Sergeants & Lieutenants).

**Resolution 2024-7** was approved by City Council accepting a bid from the Ruhlin Company in the amount of \$96,391.00 for the purchase and installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at George Zeiger Drive and Fairmount Boulevard crosswalks. This is the first step toward implementation of these safety devices at other crosswalks in our city.

Council also passed **Resolution 2024-10** approving the Cuyahoga County 9-1-1 Plan as adopted by the Cuyahoga County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee; and **Resolution 2024-11** selecting Euclid Mayor Kirtsen Holzheimer-Gail to serve as a Member of the Cuyahoga County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee.

*Note: Only the focus areas with relevant action are highlighted above.*

For a complete list of all our ordinances, resolutions, or motions passed by City Council, or for more information regarding these agenda items and backup materials, please visit our city website at [BeachwoodOhio.com/AgendaCenter](https://BeachwoodOhio.com/AgendaCenter).



In coordination with Community Services, Mayor Justin Berns hosted residents for milkshakes and conversation, in recognition of Older Americans Month.

### LIVE & RECORDED MEETINGS

Scan the QR code or visit our website at [BeachwoodOhio.com/WatchMeetings](https://BeachwoodOhio.com/WatchMeetings).



### UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

**City Council:**  
June 10 at 7:00 p.m.  
July 15 at 7:00 p.m.

**Planning & Zoning:**  
June 27 at 6:30 p.m.  
July 25 at 6:30 p.m.

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

# WORK - LIVE - LEARN - THRIVE

## LAW DIRECTOR HIRED

R. Todd Hunt was hired as Beachwood's Law Director in April. Council voted 7-0. Hunt had been serving as Interim Law Director since November 2023 following Steward Hastings' resignation after serving for nearly two and a half years. Hastings is now the Law Director for the City of Sandusky.



R. Todd Hunt, Law Director

Hunt is with the law firm Roetzel & Andress in its Cleveland office where he focuses his practice on municipal law, land use and development issues, tax incentive development, eminent domain, litigation, public sector employment and labor law, antitrust law, and sports law matters. He also serves as the Law Director for the City of Richmond Heights and the Village of Gates Mills and serves as special counsel for several municipalities in Ohio. He has served as a municipal attorney for over 40 years. Two law firms applied for the law director position.

"I'm pleased that we have such a competent and well-respected lawyer serving as our Law Director, and it's great that he has already become familiar with our community since he joined the city last year," says Mayor Justin Berns.

Alec Isaacson, City Council president, added that filling this position has been Council's top priority since January. "As Interim Law Director, Todd was providing excellent service to our city. I'm glad we're able to continue that relationship and I'm looking forward to moving forward on the rest of council's priorities."

## BUILDING DEPT. ACCEPTING CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

Beginning June 1, the Beachwood Building Department will offer the convenience of credit card payments for residents and contractors. Please note that a 3% convenience fee will be applied to all credit card transactions. If you prefer not to incur this fee, the Building Department will continue to accept cash and checks as alternative forms of payment.

For questions, please contact the Building Department at 216.292.1914.

## STRATEGICAL CRIME PREVENTION

Sunday, June 16  
9 AM-Noon  
Beachwood Community Center



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

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## FREE SHRED DAY

It was a beautiful day to shred away! A total of 319 residents participated in the May 10 shred day resulting in 11,910 pounds (5.96 tons) of shredded paper. Thanks to all who participated! The next free shredding event will be held on Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Beachwood Community Center parking lot.



Tim Kolat (left) and Dano Montoni (right) with an Absolute Shredding team member.

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## BEACHWOOD 100 HOLDS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY

May 2 was a truly heartwarming evening as we witnessed the incredible generosity of Beachwood 100 during their annual scholarship ceremony. Thank you, Beachwood 100, for your unwavering commitment to giving back and making a difference by supporting our heroes and their families.



Scholarship recipients along Mayor Justin Berns, Councilman Eric Synenberg and members of the Beachwood 100.

## HERITAGE HOME PROGRAM

The city recently held an informational meeting to highlight the Heritage Homes Program which offers technical and financial assistance to owners of homes that are at least 50 years old. Eligible projects include insulation and energy efficiency upgrades, new roofs, gutters, and/or chimney repairs, kitchen and bathroom remodels, painting - inside and out, aging in place and accessibility projects.



Beachwood's Heritage Home information session held in Council Chambers.

## ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Beachwood celebrated Arbor Day under blue skies with a gathering of kindergarten classes, city administration members, including those in the Public Works Department, and city council members. Six classes planted six trees on the property north of the community gardens, then they enjoyed a snack and refreshments.

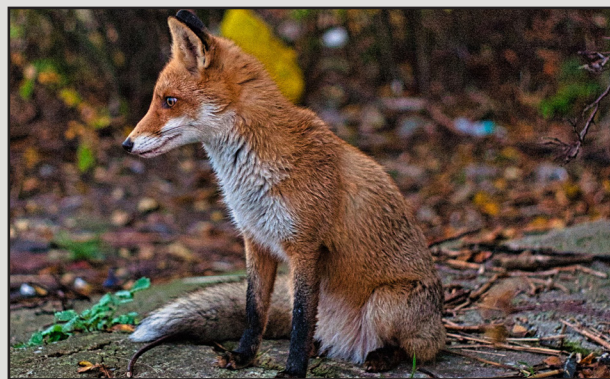
Mayor Justin Berns noted that "the act of planting trees symbolizes our commitment to environmental stewardship and serves as a tangible expression of our dedication to building a more sustainable world."

Left to right: Chris Arrietta, Public Works Director; Mayor Justin Berns; Ali B. Stern with her children, City Council; Brian Roenigk, Building Commissioner; Derek Schroeder, Community Services Director; Chris Vild, Environmental Manager; Danielle Shoykhet, City Council; Jillian DeLong, City Council; Josh Mintz, City Council; Mark Lopez, Assistant Public Works Director

## HAVE YOU SEEN A FOX?

According to Animal Control, foxes provide a vital service in controlling the rodent population. Animal Control does not recommend their removal. The Humane Society reports that typical adult cats and dogs are not at risk from a fox attack, though kittens and very small (less than 5 pounds) adult cats could be prey for a fox so it's best to keep those cats indoors.

Foxes have a natural fear of people and will usually run away if they see you. If they have learned to associate people with food, you may scare them away with squirt guns or loud noises (similar to how you would haze a coyote). For more information, please search "foxes" at [humaneociety.org](http://humaneociety.org). Foxes can be trapped by a private, certified firm but cannot be relocated (they must be euthanized). Because of this, there has to be a history of the fox being a nuisance for it to be trapped.



## FERTILIZER SAFETY

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





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**BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:** If It Stands Still | June 1 - June 28 | Opening reception on June 1, 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Artwork by Kathleen Craig, Cody Heichel, and Jean Koeller. Presented by Beachwood Arts Council.

## SUMMER SPECIALTY CAMPS

Beachwood Community Services offers a diverse selection of specialty camps that extend beyond the traditional summer camp schedule, providing participants with an opportunity to delve deeper into their interests as summer draws to a close. Some of the offerings include:

- **Game Builders by Classroom Antics**  
July 29-Aug. 2, 1-4 p.m., Ages 7-9  
Beachwood Middle School  
Residents & Non-Residents \$259
- **Skyhawks Flag Football**  
July 29-Aug. 2, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Ages 6-12  
Hilltop Elementary School  
Residents \$155, Non-Residents \$186
- **Era's Tour Fashion by Upcycle Academy**  
July 29-Aug. 2, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Ages 8-13  
Beachwood Community Center  
Residents \$345, Non-Residents \$414
- **Crayola Wild World Art**  
July 29-Aug. 2, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Ages 6-12  
Beachwood Community Center  
Residents \$344, Non-Residents \$413

For a full list of specialty camps, see the recreation guide at [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com).  
Questions? Call 216.292.1970.



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# SAFETY TOWN

**July 29-Aug. 2**

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! GRADES 6-12!**  
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## SHELLY DRENSKI PROMOTED TO ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

Shelly Drenski was recently promoted to the position of Administrative Coordinator in the Community Services Department. Her position handles the senior van scheduling in addition to Barkwood membership, community garden fobs, assistance with events and office tasks. Shelly will now take on the responsibility of City Hall front desk supervision and scheduling.



Shelly Drenski,  
Administrative Coordinator

"Shelly is a vital member of our Community Services team. She provides outstanding customer service for our residents. I'm very excited to announce her promotion to this expanded role," stated Derek Schroeder, Community Services director.

## DECADES THEATER PRODUCTION

*Decades – The Musical* took center stage on Saturday, May 4, for Beachwood Community Theater's spring youth showcase directed by Julie Matthews and Debi Lewin of Marquee Showcase Productions. The youth cast took their audience on a trip through the best of the 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s. Family and friends gave this talented group a standing ovation!



Right: Nothing but smiles from the Decades cast.

## SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

- **Concert: 3 Birds & The Wire (Harmony Group)**  
Tuesday, June 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Beachwood Family Aquatic Center (FREE)
- **Concert: Band TBA (Visit BeachwoodRec.com)**  
Tuesday, June 18, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Beachwood Family Aquatic Center (FREE)
- **Juneteenth Community Celebration**  
Wednesday, June 19, 4:00-7:00 p.m.  
Aquatic Center Parking Lot (FREE)
- **Outdoor Movie Night, Soul**  
Wednesday, June 19, 5:00 p.m.  
Aquatic Center Parking Lot (FREE)
- **Concert: Rachel Brown & The Beatnik Playboys (Country/Honky Tonk Band)**  
Tuesday, June 25, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Beachwood Family Aquatic Center (FREE)
- **Luau Pool Party Night**  
Thursday, June 27, 8:00-10:00 p.m.  
Beachwood Family Aquatic Center  
Members \$3, Residents \$5, Nonresident Guests \$8
- **Barkin' Brunch**  
Sunday, June 30, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Beachwood Truck Park (Food & drinks for purchase.)
- **Concert: Bob Frank & His Delta Blues Cats (Acoustic Blues Group)**  
Tuesday, July 2, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Beachwood Family Aquatic Center (FREE)

## BEACHWOOD SENIORS

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS & TRIPS

- **Delightful Destressing with The Gathering Place**  
Wednesday, June 12, Noon-1:30 p.m., The Gathering Place  
Free, RSVP required by June 6.  
  
Did you know The Gathering Place has a picturesque garden and path for destressing within nature? Come uncover stress management like art therapy, meditation and more with The Gathering Place staff followed by a garden tour. Bring your own brown bag lunch; dessert will be provided.
- **Art Tour & Lunch at UH Ahuja**  
Monday, July 15, 9:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., UH Ahuja Medical Center  
Free, RSVP required by July 10.  
  
The UH Art Curation team will lead an art tour through their recent UH expansion. The collection features regional, national and international artists working in various mediums. Lunch cost at the UH Duvin Cafe on your own.
- **Wooster Trip to The Ohio Light Opera**  
Friday, July 26, departs at 9:15 a.m. from the Community Center  
Residents \$136, Non-Residents \$163  
  
Shop in downtown Wooster, grab lunch at the Broken Rocks Cafe, then head over to the Ohio Light Opera's performance of *The Sound of Music*. Transportation, lunch and the performance are included. Register by July 1.

## SENIOR DAY OUT

Here Comes The...  
**Thursday, June 20, at Noon**  
Beachwood Community Center

Residents \$13  
Non-Residents \$16  
Program Only \$5  
  
Register by June 12.

The honor of your presence is requested at the program of the British Royal Weddings! Hear more about the location, dresses, music, pomp and ceremony of these royal weddings. Fun facts uncovered about each. Prepare for the program with a special movie screening of *Elizabeth Windsor* at 1 p.m. on June 13 in the Community Center.

Meal choices include a cheese quiche or chicken salad/tuna fish salad mini-croissants. All entrees served with a side salad, beverage and dessert.

**July SDO (7/18):** Around America! Interesting facts and personalities from 50 state in 40 minutes or less. Register by July 10.

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

# WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON SPEAKER ADDRESSES INNOVATION

Dr. Elad Granot, Dean, Boler School of Business at John Carroll University, spoke at the Chamber of Commerce's luncheon at Heck's last month to address innovation. He stressed the importance of building a thriving innovation ecosystem that demands collaborations and commitments. The key components involved in this ecosystem are government, education, non-profits and business. Passion and a global mindset are beneficial as well.



Granot stressed the importance of reframing failures and setbacks as opportunities for growth and learning. He also noted that "data is now the currency of business." It can create predictive models at a pace which humans cannot duplicate.

He pointed out that it's not as necessary today for people to know how to code. Artificial intelligence can handle that task. But professionals still need to be technologically informed. He also explained that entrepreneurs and businesses need to think in global terms since suppliers are worldwide, as well as consumers.

*Top Right: Catherine Bieterman, Economic Development director; Dr. Elad Granot; Mayor Justin Berns; David Lapierre, Chamber of Commerce executive director*

*Bottom Left: Dr. Elad Granot speaking to attendees as he stressed the importance of innovation. Photography by Discovery Photo.*



## SKODA GORDON DENTISTRY'S NEW BUILDING

There are changes transforming on Chagrin Boulevard. Recently, the City of Beachwood supported, through a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Abatement, revitalization of an underutilized office building for Skoda Gordon Dentistry's new medical office building. The new office building and its intended dental services will have state of the art dental/medical equipment and technologies, energy conservation applications, ADA compliant entryways in doors and restroom facilities, and adequate parking. In total, the development will include new construction of a 5,000-square-foot dental services office building with a partial second floor for administrative offices with ceilings and large window areas for natural light.



*The beginning of demolition at 25115 Chagrin Blvd.*

## SWISS-AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT

The City of Beachwood's Economic Development director, Catherine Bieterman, recently attended the Swiss-American Partnership Summit in Cleveland. Through a partnership between the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce and the Collaborative Chambers of Commerce, the city continues to engage with various national and international organizations to identify key global connections that can advance dialogue around business and innovation between local companies and international opportunities.



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# Beachwood Schools African American Affinity Group Hosts Juneteenth Celebration

**M**ark your calendars! The African American Affinity Group, in partnership with the City of Beachwood, will host its second annual Juneteenth celebration on Wednesday, June 19, from 4 - 7 p.m., at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center (25125 Fairmount Blvd.).

Free and open to the public, the event will feature outdoor games, vendors, music, line dancing, and food trucks. Families and children can look forward to activities such as a bounce house, dance and cheer performances, skating, a movie in the park, face painting, and balloon twisting.

## Honoring the Significance of Juneteenth

The celebration aims to honor the historical significance of Juneteenth, the day in 1865 when 250,000 enslaved people in Texas were declared free. Juneteenth, which commemorates the end of slavery, is observed with traditions that include

family gatherings, community celebrations, music, dance, storytelling, parades, picnics, and readings of the Emancipation Proclamation.

"Juneteenth traditions aim to honor the past, celebrate freedom, and promote unity within the community," says Kandi Kee-Bey, president of the African American Affinity Group. "Our hope is that this celebration will become an annual staple in the Beachwood community that everyone looks forward to."

## Impact on the Community

The African American Affinity Group's Juneteenth event aims to leave a lasting impact on the Beachwood community by

celebrating diversity, promoting inclusivity, and sparking meaningful conversations about racial equality and reconciliation.

"We hope the Juneteenth event fosters a deeper understanding of the struggles and contributions of African Americans throughout history, leading to increased empathy, solidarity, and a commitment to social justice within the community," Kandi noted. "Ultimately, we hope Juneteenth encourages positive change and fosters a more equitable and just society for all."

Learn more about the African American Affinity Group at [www.beachwoodschoools.org/african-american-affinity-group](http://www.beachwoodschoools.org/african-american-affinity-group).



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## Beachwood Schools Receives Auditor of State Award with Distinction

Beachwood City Schools has received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction for accounting excellence from Auditor of State Keith Faber's office. The prestigious award places the district among the top 4% of 6,000 public schools and government entities recognized for a "clean audit" in fiscal year 2023.

Kathryn Semo, Northeast regional liaison for the Auditor of State, presented the award at the April 29 Board of Education meeting. "The distinction puts you in a very esteemed group," she said. "We just want to thank you as board members and your treasurer Matt Brown for all the hard work, professionalism, fiscal integrity, and for watching over every dollar here at Beachwood City Schools."

"To be able to achieve this award, we know it is a team effort," she added.

To qualify for a "clean audit," Beachwood City Schools adhered to stringent criteria established by the Auditor of State's office. This included maintaining financial reports based on generally accepted accounting principles and producing an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.



Matt Brown (left) and Kathryn Semo

The clean audit underscores the district's commitment to high standards of financial accountability, as it revealed no findings of recovery, citations, or deficiencies.

Following the award presentation, Mr. Brown acknowledged the efforts of recently retired treasurer Michele Mills, noting "all the work she's done to continue the fiscal transparency and accountability here at Beachwood."

## EVENTS CALENDAR



### Eighth-Grade Honors Assembly

June 7

Beachwood High School Auditorium  
25100 Fairmount Blvd.

### Last Day of School for Students

June 7

### Juneteenth Celebration

June 19, 4 - 7 p.m.

Beachwood Family Aquatic Center Parking Lot  
25125 Fairmount Blvd.



**VIEW THE  
FULL CALENDAR**  
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## Beachwood High School Science Olympiad Team Excels at State Tournament

The Beachwood High School Science Olympiad team secured an impressive fourth place overall in the recent state tournament in Columbus. We are incredibly proud of all participants for their hard work and dedication.

### Individual Achievements:

- 🥇 First Place, Chem Lab: Tony Zheng & Junbo Wang
- 🥇 First Place, Forestry: Vivian Myers & Anna Zhao
- 🥉 Third Place, Codebusters: Leo Wang, Sophia Yan & Anna Tonyushkin
- 🥉 Third Place, Optics: Henrik Burda & Vivian Myers
- 🥉 Fifth Place, Fossils: Vivian Myers & Anna Tonyushkin
- 🥉 Sixth Place, Anatomy: Amy Zhou & Junbo Wang
- 🥉 Sixth Place, Robot Tour: Leo Wang & Tony Zheng
- 🥉 Sixth Place, Wind Power: Allen Yu & Henrik Burda

Congratulations to all team members for their outstanding performance! Your achievements showcase the spirit of excellence at Beachwood High School.



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## Beachwood Schools Completes Comprehensive Math Curriculum Review



Fourth graders Khloe Wang and Lyndon Deng construct rectangular prisms with cardboard.

Beachwood City Schools recently completed a comprehensive review of the K-12 math curriculum led by the district's math departments and grade-level teams. This cyclical process, conducted roughly every five years, ensures the curriculum aligns with the latest best practices and standards in math education.

### Key Takeaways

The curriculum review team identified several strengths in the existing program, including a robust accelerated math pathway, a strong emphasis on number sense, and a focus on developing problem-solving skills. More than half of students are tackling algebra in middle school, according to Dr. LoGalbo, director of curriculum & instruction. "We're very proud of the fact that our students have the ability to accelerate and expand their learning of mathematics," says Dr. LoGalbo. "Our accelerated math pathway allows students to progress quickly and learn more at younger ages."

The district's emphasis on developing elementary students' number sense equips them with flexible strategies for advanced problem-solving as they grow older. Number sense encompasses skills such as recognizing quantity, understanding number relationships, and employing mental math strategies.

"Our curriculum encourages students to solve problems in multiple ways," Dr. LoGalbo says. "With advances in technology, students can easily get rote calculations. While they need to know the foundational skills, today's students need to be able to critically analyze information and apply that information to new contexts."

The curriculum review also pinpointed areas for improvement, highlighting the need to enhance classroom interventions for K-5 students. Moreover, the district recognizes the importance of practical math applications and plans to expand opportunities for high school students pursuing non-calculus-based fields.

### Recommendations

In response to the findings, the curriculum review team proposed several recommendations. Grades K-5 will implement the Houghton Mifflin *Into Math* series. This program offers increased opportunities for classroom teachers to individualize instruction based on each student's unique learning needs. Beachwood Middle School will focus on math intervention to further support student success. The high school will introduce a new mathematical modeling and reasoning course next year, which will serve as an alternative to Algebra II.

"We have a very rigorous math program," says Dr. LoGalbo. "Our teachers recognize what's really important in teaching kids mathematics. It's not just about teaching the content, it's about teaching students to be critical thinkers and problem solvers."



Mariyah Collier and Juliana Bizimana create line art for a third-grade geometry unit.



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## Beachwood Schools Welcomes New Director of Educational Technology



Beachwood Schools welcomes Jeremy Hunter as the director of educational technology. In this newly created role, Mr. Hunter will advance the district's technology and data management initiatives, introducing innovative solutions to position Beachwood Schools as a leader in educational technology.

Mr. Hunter has an extensive professional background in education administration and technology integration. He joins Beachwood from the Lake Geauga Computer Association (LGCA), where he served as director of operations and instructional programs since 2022. Prior to that, he held the position of technology integration coordinator from 2017 to 2022. "I am excited about the opportunity to be a pathfinder for enhancing student learning with educational technology," says Mr. Hunter.

At LGCA, Mr. Hunter co-founded a \$1.5 million grant for building a statewide Learning Management System. He also played a key role in developing more than 50 technical training programs for education professionals and spearheaded the creation of LGCA's Curriculum and Technology Integration department.

Previously, Mr. Hunter served as a high school principal at Cardinal High School and held assistant principal positions at Wickliffe High School and Milkovich Middle School. He began his career teaching high school chemistry, physics, and integrated science. Mr. Hunter holds a Master of Education in Education Administration from Ashland University, a Master of Education in Instructional Technology from The University of Akron, and a bachelor of science degree in education from Kent State University.

In his first year, Mr. Hunter aims to establish a district-wide tech group that incorporates various education stakeholders. The group will contribute insights to shape professional development programs. "I'm excited to expand the use of new technologies from artificial intelligence to assistive technology for students with special needs as well as practical work-related tools for staff," he says.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS



### Recent Resolutions

- Approved Five-Year Financial Forecast
- Honored Middle School Math Club Award Winners
- Approved Continuing Contracts for Six Certificated Staff Members

### Upcoming Board Actions

- Hear Transportation and Operations Update
- Honor Spring Athletes
- Approve the Certification of the 2024 Beachwood High School Graduates

### Board Meeting Calendar

- June 10 @ 7 p.m.
- June 24 @ 7 p.m.



## VIEW AGENDAS & MINUTES

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## Bryden Launches One School, One Book



Kindergarteners Yuha Kim, Penelope Zoller, and Vihaan Gawali open their One School, One Book gift bags.

Magic and imagination took center stage at Bryden Elementary during Right to Read Week (May 13-17), as the One School, One Book program transformed classrooms into gateways to adventure. Kindergarten through second-grade students each received the book *Zoey and Sassafras, Dragons and Marshmallows* by Asia Citro, which follows Zoey and her cat, Sassafras, as they care for magical animals in their barn turned science lab. The fun-filled week included theme days, a scavenger hunt, crafts, a character parade, and reading sessions in a life-sized barn! Special thanks to the One School, One Book committee — Jessica Ezzi, Michelle Mayer, Shahnyn Moody-Benedict, Tara Warner, and Sheri Weiland — for bringing the magic of reading to life for our students!



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## Alumni Spotlight: Sri Vidya Uppalapati (Class of 2016)



For Sri Vidya Uppalapati (Class of 2016), living a full life is about embracing uncertainty and diving into new challenges. Sri Vidya currently works as the Senior Program Manager, Workforce Alignment at the Ohio Department of Higher Education. Outside of her governmental role, Sri Vidya channels her creativity as a jewelry maker at Red Giraffe Designs. She holds a bachelor of science degree in public policy analysis, with a minor in science and engineering in public policy from The Ohio State University. In this interview, Sri Vidya discusses how her time at Beachwood Schools paved the way for her achievements.

### What has your career journey been like, and how did it lead you to your current position?

I entered college as a materials science engineering major. While taking science policy coursework for a minor, I realized that what I wanted to pursue professionally was public policy. This realization prompted me to switch majors and join the Glenn College of Public Affairs at Ohio State. In addition to my academic pursuits, I participated in student government and legislative advocacy around education and gender equity policy, which honed many of the skill sets I use now. During my time in college, I secured an internship at the Department of Higher Education, which led to an opportunity to apply for a full-time position as a program manager. Recently, I was promoted to senior program manager. As a member of the Workforce Alignment team, I develop projects and administer policies that support career navigation, job pipelines, and workforce development between businesses, economic development partners, and postsecondary institutions.

### What do you like most about your job?

State government is a balance of sufficient scale and resources to make long-lasting changes while being close enough to the ground to see the impacts of those changes and hear the needs that warrant them. My work itself is deeply fulfilling – knowing that every dollar connected to the projects I manage corresponds to education, training, and job opportunities. But my favorite part of my job is my team. I've been very lucky to have a manager who advocates for me and a team who respects, mentors, and supports me. When you have a good team, even tough projects feel more sustainable.

### How did Beachwood Schools get you to where you are today?

Beachwood taught me to seize opportunities, and when I couldn't find what I wanted, create them myself. When I moved to Beachwood in ninth grade, my teachers and older classmates encouraged me to explore the wide range of clubs and classes that piqued my interests. I am particularly grateful to Mr. Craig Alexander for challenging me to become a more curious and courageous member of my community. I actively participated in initiatives that reflected student voices and drove positive change. Those experiences at a young age helped build the confidence to navigate the broader world at Ohio State and beyond.

### What advice or life lessons would you like to share with current students?

Don't worry about figuring out exactly what job you want. Instead, think about what skill sets you like to use and what you want to build. The job market is always evolving, and many careers that you'll eventually love may not even exist yet. Travel and read widely with curiosity and compassion. Investing in your hobbies and interests, even if they might not be "valuable" to your resume, is the most valuable thing you can do.

## Social Scene

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**Beachwood Schools**  
22h · 🌐  
Staff Appreciation Week started off with a blast from the past with a 1990's Friends sitcom theme! Conference rooms were transformed into Central Perk, where staff enjoyed a thoughtful gift and a cozy mug of coffee. Thank you Beachwood Schools PTO for another wonderful Staff Appreciation week kickoff!



**Beachwood Schools**  
April 30 at 2:48 PM · 🌐  
Engineering students in Brian Hill's class recently turned theory into practice by designing and building cardboard boats for a poolside paddle race. They tackled real-world engineering challenges, exploring concepts like buoyancy, balance, and material resistance. Their teamwork and innovation truly made a splash! Special thanks to Molly Lewis for capturing these spectacular moments! #BisonStrong



**Beachwood Schools**  
2d · 🌐  
If you missed the rescreening of the student-produced documentary, From the Holocaust to Freedom: A Journey to Cleveland, in recognition of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, here is a link to the film: <https://tinyurl.com/jc79szhz>  
It was an honor to be joined by three local Holocaust survivors featured in the documentary, as well as the creators of the original 2010 production. We are deeply grateful for their continued support as we preserve and reflect upon their stories of resilience and hope.



# Beachwood 100 Scholarship Dinner

**O**n Thursday, May 2, Beachwood 100 held its annual Scholarship Dinner at the Beachwood Community Center. Andy Baskin, emcee, first introduced Beachwood 100 president, Ivor Kiwi, who shared information about the organization and programs it has sponsored.

"Beachwood 100 has been serving Beachwood first responders for over 50 years," Ivor said. "Our mission is to provide opportunities for businesses and citizens to give back to the safety forces who serve our community."

Each year, Beachwood 100 recognizes the achievements of children of Beachwood first responders by awarding \$2,500 scholarships. This year, seven scholarships were awarded.

"It's truly a pleasure to host this event where we celebrate the remarkable achievements of our Police and Fire Department personnel and their children," said Mayor Justin Berns, who thanked Fire Chief Steve Holtzman for attending. "Your presence adds great

significance to our celebration tonight and we're grateful for your participation. Although Police Chief Kate McLaughlin couldn't be here tonight, she sends her best wishes and congratulations to all."

Andy and Fire Chief Holtzman then called up Police and Fire Department scholarship recipients to accept their awards, which were presented by Mayor Berns.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients:

Griffin Acker, a senior at Kenston High School, will be attending the University of Cincinnati. Griffin's father is Michael Acker.

Cassandra Appell, a senior at Twinsburg High School, will be attending University of Tampa. Cassandra's father is Jamey Appell.

Carson Appell, a senior at Twinsburg High School, will be attending University of Tampa. Carson's father is Jamey Appell.

Nicole Krakora, a senior at Chardon High School, will be attending Lakeland Community College. Nicole's father is James Krakora.

Jack Korinek, a senior at Independence High School, will be attending The Ohio State University. Jack's father is John Korinek.

Amanda Liggett, a senior at Highland High School, will be attending Cuyahoga Community College. Amanda's father is Greg Liggett.

Hunter Brooks, a senior at North Ridgeville High School, will be attending the University of Akron. Hunter's father is Jason Brooks.

"Congratulations on your accomplishments. We're so grateful for this opportunity to

share in your future success,"

Ivor said to the scholarship recipients. "Keep being curious and disciplined, and always remember your strong roots, your community, and your sense of justice for all you come in contact with. Good luck on your future successes."



*Pictured from top:*

James Krakora, Nicole Krakora, and Mayor Berns  
Fire Chief Steve Holtzman, Greg Liggett, and Amanda Liggett  
Beachwood 100 president Ivor Kiwi, Beachwood 100 treasurer Alan Berger, Mayor Berns, Cassandra Appell, and Jamey Appell  
Michael Acker, Griffin Acker, and Mayor Berns

***Become a card-carrying member!***



## Membership supports the Beachwood Police and Fire Safety forces through:

- Awarding annual academic scholarships to children of our Police and Fire Department personnel
- Assisting the city's safety forces and their families with loans or donations for unforeseen emergencies
- Supplying safety and fitness equipment to first responders

### Members receive:

- Two annual membership cards
- Two vehicle decals to display your support
- The satisfaction of helping Beachwood Safety Forces



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# Beachwood Schools Celebrates Groundbreaking of New Facilities at Bryden and Hilltop Schools

Beachwood students, staff, and community members gathered on May 7 for two groundbreaking ceremonies to celebrate the launch of the construction phase of the new Bryden and Hilltop Schools. The festivities featured student performances, speeches from public officials, and a ceremonial turning of the soil.

"We have been truly fortunate to work with a design team that listens to us and listens to our community members," said Superintendent Dr. Robert Hardis. "They are super talented at designing and constructing schools, and they are dedicated to delivering wonderful new buildings for all of us."

Set against a backdrop of construction equipment and renderings of the new schools, the groundbreaking program included remarks by Megan Walsh, president of the Board of Education; Justin Berns, Mayor of Beachwood; Ryan Schmit, project architect at ThenDesign Architecture; William Schurman, owner of Hammond Construction; Dr. Octavia Reid, principal of Hilltop; and Arianna DeGeorge, principal of Bryden and Fairmount Early Childhood Center.

Also in attendance were School Board members Wendy Leatherberry, vice president; Kim Allamby; Dr. Josephine Chan; and

Rini Ghosh; City Council members Alec Isaacson, president; Danielle Shoykhet, vice president; Joshua Mintz; Ali Stern; and Jillian DeLong.

Each ceremony opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by students, and featured musical performances that were directed by Shelley McKenzie, Bryden music teacher, and Darlene Haight, Hilltop choir teacher. Bryden and Fairmount students in preschool through second grade sang *Love Grows*, by Carol Johnson, while Hilltop students in grades three to five performed *Music Changes the World*, by Jim Papoulis.

Addressing students, Dr. Hardis discussed the community's significant contribution to the design of the new schools. "Your principal, your teachers, and all of your staff members, many, many times over the past two years, have been providing us with ideas, insight, and feedback into how these buildings should be built and designed," he said. "I want you to know they have

done an amazing job of helping us get to buildings that are going to be incredible for all of us."

Megan addressed the emotional aspect of transitioning to a new building for young students at Fairmount and Bryden. Drawing from personal experience, she recalled her son, Nolan, expressing apprehensions about the idea of replacing Bryden. "If any of you are feeling like Nolan was feeling all those years ago, I'll tell you what I told him," Megan said. "What you love about Bryden is how you feel when you're here, when you're surrounded by your classmates and teachers. Bryden feels like a welcoming and happy place. It feels like

you belong here because you do! I promise that same feeling will follow you to the new building, and I am 100% confident that you will love your new school."

Mayor Justin Berns, who attended Hilltop Elementary as a child, reflected on the promising future the new buildings represent. "A new school signifies a fresh start, a renewed commitment to education, a place to discover new and exciting ways to learn, and a place where you will build friendships that last a lifetime," he said.



Hilltop students sing *Music Changes the World*, by Jim Papoulis.



Fourth grader Emerie Alexander leads the Pledge of Allegiance at the Hilltop groundbreaking ceremony.



Musa Qazi, Maya Franco De Souza Rossi, Paidá Gotora, and Harliegh Mercer.



Superintendent Dr. Robert Hardis; School Board members Dr. Josephine Chan, Kim Allamby, Rini Ghosh, Wendy Leatherberry, and Megan Walsh; Project Architect Ryan Schmit; and Assistant Superintendent Ken Veon participate in the ceremonial turning of the soil for Beachwood's new elementary schools. Photos by Scott Morrison, Discovery Photo.



Superintendent Dr. Robert Hardis, Benny the Bison, and Mayor Justin Berns.

# Board Approves Five-Year Contract Renewal for Superintendent Dr. Robert P. Hardis



**T**he Beachwood Board of Education unanimously approved a five-year contract renewal for Superintendent Dr. Robert P. Hardis, effective August 1, 2025. The board voted during its April 29 meeting, adhering to the district's standard protocol for administrative contract extensions.

Ohio law permits public schools to address extensions for the superintendent and treasurer from January 1 of the year preceding the contract's expiration up to March 1 of the expiration year. This strategic timing ensures planning continuity for both the district and superintendent.

"I offer my sincere thanks to the Board for the trust that you're placing in me by extending my contract for another five years," said Dr. Hardis following the Board's unanimous vote. "Beachwood is my home, both personally and professionally, and I am totally committed to maintaining the tradition of excellence and innovation for which this district is known."

Dr. Hardis, a fixture in the Beachwood community as both a resident and educational leader, was praised by the Board for his solution-oriented

approach to any challenge, significantly enhancing the district's stability and progress.

Board President Megan Walsh praised Dr. Hardis for his "steadfast, calm approach to any situation," highlighting his effective leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic and his significant role in the \$65 million facilities project to construct two new elementary schools at the Bryden and Hilltop sites.

Under his leadership, Beachwood Schools earned a five-star rating on the 2023 Ohio School Report Card and ranked sixth statewide. The Fairmount Early Childhood Center received a five-star Step Up to Quality rating, the highest possible rating. Furthermore, Beachwood Schools became one of the first in the state to officially recognize Diwali, Lunar New Year, and Eid al-Fitr as school holidays.

Vice President Wendy Leatherberry said, "Dr. Hardis has steered the district incredibly well," adding that he makes decisions "always in the name of what's best for students. That's

really at the heart of everything he does."

Board member Kim Allamby highlighted Dr. Hardis' role in forging a strong relationship between the district and the city, leading to an innovative tax partnership that supports the \$65 million facilities project. This partnership with the City of Beachwood allows for a flat tax rate by pausing levying its 2.4 charter mills during the first three years of construction. "We have an agreement with our city that not many communities have accomplished, where we have greatly reduced the tax burden on our companies and property owners," Ms. Allamby stated.

Board members also commended Dr. Hardis for his availability, dedication to student well-being, and high levels of communication and transparency. Dr. Josephine Chan appreciated Dr. Hardis' hands-on approach, from grilling hot dogs at community events to assisting with bus duty. "He's available at all hours to listen, to understand, and to address any concern," she noted.

Board member Rini Ghosh commented, "We are so grateful for your thoughtfulness and responsiveness and your presence in this community."

Dr. Hardis has been with Beachwood City Schools since 2006, serving as Beachwood High School principal and assistant superintendent before starting his current role as superintendent in 2015. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Michigan, a master of education degree in secondary social studies from The George Washington University, and a master of education degree in school leadership from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He completed the Doctor of Management Program at Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management.

*Dr. Hardis, originally from Bethesda, Maryland, resides in Beachwood with his wife and two children.*

## Community-Wide Tikkun Leil Shavuot

The Community-Wide Tikkun Leil Shavuot (night of study and celebration to mark receiving the Torah) will be Tuesday, June 11 – Wednesday, June 12, from 7 p.m. – 7 a.m., at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, 27501 Fairmount Blvd., Pepper Pike.

This free event will feature eight sessions, grand dessert buffet, breakfast bar, Kabbalistic wedding ceremony,

ma'ariv festival service, and sunrise service. Participants can attend one session or the entire evening and choose from multiple classes offered in each session.

The Tikkun's 30-plus premier teachers are university professors, clergy, community educators, and leaders from across Northeast Ohio. The Tikkun is presented by B'nai Jeshurun Congregation and

the Estelle and Dr. Milton Rosenberg Shavuot Study Fund in partnership with 23 co-sponsoring congregations, universities, schools, and organizations.

To view the schedule, which includes which sessions will be streamed, visit <https://cutt.ly/tikkun2024>, scan this code, or contact Shani Kadis at 216.831.6555 or [shanikadis@bnajeshurun.org](mailto:shanikadis@bnajeshurun.org).



The Tikkun Committee includes Harriet Rosenberg Mann, Richard Berkowitz, Senior Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria, Rabbi Josh Foster, and Shani Kadis.



# A Celebration of Family

Maltz Museum debuts a new exhibition featuring two collections that explore the diverse families that form the fabric of America.

The Maltz Museum is proud to announce the opening of a new exhibition celebrating the rich framework of families found in America. The Museum's *A Celebration of Family* exhibition combines two collections with interactive children's activities, on view from June 2 to Sept. 1. *Growing Up Jewish – Art & Storytelling* and *Love Makes a Family: Portraits of LGBTQ+ People and Their Families* present paintings, photographs, and interviews from families of all walks of life.

An essential aspect of the Museum's mission is to educate visitors on the lived experiences of Jewish and other minority populations to foster a more inclusive world for all. This exhibition acts as a firsthand account that brings the stories of individuals and families to life. In that sense, *Growing Up Jewish* and *Love Makes a Family* honor the foundation of American life: the family.

"*Growing Up Jewish* and *Love Makes a Family* beautifully showcase the many types of families that make up our diverse communities," said Reneé Chelm, Board Chair at the Maltz Museum. "This exhibition is an opportunity to see the different ways Jewish and LGBTQ+ families live their lives, but it's also a way to see how much we all truly have in common living in America."

Both exhibitions include interactive children's activities designed by globally recognized exhibit designer, Karen Katz. Throughout the galleries, interactive components invite visitors on a creative journey. Younger visitors can also immerse themselves in play activities connected with exhibition themes.

## About *Growing Up Jewish – Art & Storytelling*:

*Growing Up Jewish – Art & Storytelling* is an exhibition of contemporary paintings and personal narratives by artist Jacqueline Kott-Wolle exploring the key people, experiences, and community that shaped her distinctly North American brand of Jewish identity. This powerful collection speaks to the resilience of newcomers who must navigate a painful past, contend with tradition, and summon optimism for the future. Painted in a fresh palette of color, the exhibition traces the story of one North American Jewish family through five generations.

## About *Love Makes a Family: Portraits of LGBTQ+ People and Their Families*:

*Love Makes a Family: Portraits of LGBTQ+ People and Their Families*, produced by the Family Diversity Project, is a traveling exhibit that includes over 20 photographs and interviews with families that have lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer-identified (LGBTQ+) members. Through first-person accounts and positive images, this exhibit seeks to challenge and change damaging myths and stereotypes about LGBTQ people and their families. The exhibition includes two versions of the narratives, one designed especially for younger children.

*Love Makes a Family* can help prevent bullying behaviors and discrimination. By encouraging people of all ages to affirm and appreciate the diversity of sexual orientation and gender identity, this traveling exhibit contributes to dismantling the destructive power of prejudice and intolerance. *Love Makes a Family's* mission is to make the world safer for everyone.

To learn more and to view hours, visit [www.maltzmuseum.org](http://www.maltzmuseum.org).



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Portraits of LGBTQ+ People and Their Families

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[maltzmuseum.org](http://maltzmuseum.org)

# InMotion Exercise Open House, Dance Class

For People with Parkinson's Disease

Friday, June 14 • 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Doors Open at 9 a.m.

InMotion • 23905 Mercantile Rd • Beachwood



**L**iving In Motion, a day for people living with Parkinson's disease to learn about the importance of exercise and other community resources, will be held on Friday, June 14, from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at InMotion, 23905 Mercantile Rd. in Beachwood. Living In Motion is presented by InMotion, a leader in community-based, integrated wellness programs for people with Parkinson's disease, in partnership with the OPFNE - Ohio Parkinson Foundation Northeast Region.

In addition to information about InMotion's evidence-based wellness programs, the event will feature professionals in occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech pathology, music therapy, and more. Information on treatment options for Parkinson's disease will be shared by our medical and pharmaceutical partners. Tours of InMotion's Allan Goldberg Center for Parkinson's Wellness will be available.

Keynote Speaker David Leventhal (*pictured*) will present *Dance for PD®* at 9:45 a.m., with a master class for all event attendees starting at 11:45 a.m. David is a founding teacher and program director for Dance for

PD®, a research-backed, award-winning program of the Mark Morris Dance Group that has been used as a model for classes in more than 300 communities in 30 countries. He leads classes for people living with Parkinson's disease around the world and trains other teaching artists in the *Dance for PD®* approach.

"Exercise is powerful medicine for people with Parkinson's

disease," said Cathe Schwartz, InMotion's CEO. "We are excited about this opportunity to showcase the numerous classes and programs that we offer to people with Parkinson's in our community, especially to those who may be unaware of InMotion.

We are proud to offer all our programs under one roof, at no charge to our clients." InMotion is supported by the generosity

of individuals, foundations, and businesses, and is always accepting new clients.

"OPFNE is proud to partner with InMotion to help build awareness of the valuable resources in our community for people with Parkinson's disease," said Kathie Stull, OPFNE board president. "Our joint effort in presenting Living In Motion with InMotion for the third year enhances our partnership and allows us to help people with Parkinson's disease find ways to improve their quality of life."

Event capacity is limited; registration required. For event schedule/registration, visit [www.beinmotion.org/livinginmotion](http://www.beinmotion.org/livinginmotion).



## Beachwood Students Shine Alongside Pianist Lang Lang in Cleveland Master Class and Performance

Twelve Beachwood students were recently selected for the rare privilege of performing alongside the legendary pianist Lang Lang in Cleveland. At this exclusive event, a handpicked group of 100 students from Northeast Ohio participated in a master class and public performance. Students were selected by the Lang Lang Foundation and the Creative Arts Academy.

For these talented young musicians, sharing the stage with Lang Lang was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and a testament to their dedication. In the months leading up to the event, they devoted themselves to intensive practice sessions



under experienced mentors, honing their skills and preparing for this extraordinary experience. This program exposed children to classical music and offered the selected piano students an opportunity to perform as a group.

Beachwood students who participated include: Lyman Chi, Lukas Wu, Michael Xu, Jason Zhao, Anna Chi, Ethan

Cracraft, Noah Cracraft, Mathias Regala, Nolan Shao, Khloe

Wang, Leah Wang, and Gryffin Wu.

*Left:* Beachwood Students Lukas Wu (7), Gryffin Wu (9), and Mathias Regala (9).

*Below:* 100 students performing *Hungarian Dance No. 5 in F# Minor* and *Marche Militaire No. 1 Op. 51* with Lang Lang.





# Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry will hold its annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

The Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry will hold its annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on Monday, June 17, 7:30 p.m., at Waxman Chabad Center in Beachwood.

"We have so much to celebrate, despite it being such a difficult year for the Jewish community. This year, we looked for more ways to connect to one another and serve our neighbors," said Sarah Yaffe Alevsky, director of Kosher Food Pantry.

This year's Rivka Goldstein Volunteer of the Year Award will be presented to two long-time volunteers, Beachwood resident Marcia Arons and University Heights resident Meryl Kaplan. They are being honored for their weekly participation in helping to prepare food packages for the Pantry's weekly drive-thru food distributions.

A short program will follow the dessert reception.

"For more than five years, twice a week, rain or shine, Marcia and Meryl show up to pack. They are a constant presence at KFP, and their cheerfulness, compassion, and joy in helping others are infectious," pantry manager Tami Witkes said. "We are thrilled to honor these two outstanding volunteers this year."

The award is named for the previous pantry managing director, Rivka Goldstein.

RSVPs for the celebration are required and can be submitted by emailing [celebration@kosherfb.org](mailto:celebration@kosherfb.org) or by calling the KFP office at 216.382.7202.



Volunteers of the Year Marcia Arons and Meryl Kaplan

## Volunteer Appreciate Celebration

**Monday, June 17 • 7:30 p.m.**  
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## Beachwood Arts Council Membership Drive

Beachwood Arts Council (BAC) invites the community to become a member of one of the finest arts councils in Northeast Ohio. For 60 years, BAC has offered a variety of arts programming, including exhibitions, tours, concerts, art shows, special events, and hands-on projects.

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

One of BAC's ongoing fundraisers is the sale of Art Cards, a pack of 16 blank note cards designed by Beachwood residents. Each pack costs only \$10.

BAC membership and participation are open to all residents of Northeast Ohio.

"We hope you will join us and help support our efforts to showcase the arts in Beachwood and neighboring communities,"

said Ellen Hacker, membership co-chair. "We welcome members anytime during the year; however, our fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th."

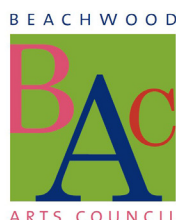
"We encourage residents to support BAC by becoming a member, purchasing art cards, supporting our scholarship initiative, or becoming a sponsor," added co-chair Rosemary Nemeth.

For sponsor information, please contact Tobi Mattes at 216.765.8031. Sponsorships start at \$250.

To join BAC or to learn more, please visit [www.beachwoodartscouncil.org](http://www.beachwoodartscouncil.org).

You can join by clicking on the "join" tab at the top of the home page. You can also find updated information and photos of past events on the Beachwood Arts Council Facebook page.

BAC is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your meaningful support is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information, call 216.595.3400.





# Family Kindness Festival

**M**ore than 2,000 kids and their parents attended Family Kindness Festival on Sunday, May 5, at Beachwood High School. The Festival was presented by Senders Pediatrics in partnership with Beachwood City Schools.



Forty nonprofits and organizations, 30 area schools, and 25 entrepreneurial students, ranging in age from 7-18, joined together to celebrate the importance of kindness at this one-of-a-kind community festival.

The event was designed to inspire students (and their parents) to see that no act of kindness is too small and that individual acts of kindness add up and can have a big and meaningful impact on friends, classmates, and our communities. Attendees walked away motivated to "Have Fun, Do Good and Be Kind."

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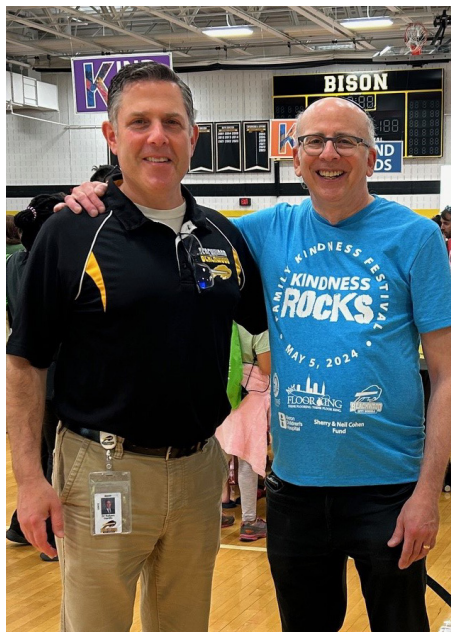
*Beachwood residents, pictured clockwise from top right. Photos by Senders Pediatrics:*

Raina Li and Daly Vaughn with their sons, Grant and George

Nine-year-old Sachin Malhotra of Beachwood sells his beautiful artwork and donates half of his earnings to Akron Children's Hospital.

Matthew and Samantha Greenfield of Beachwood are all smiles.

Dr. Robert Hardis, superintendent of Beachwood City Schools with Dr. Shelly Senders, founder and CEO of Senders Pediatrics. The Festival was presented by Senders Pediatrics in partnership with Beachwood City Schools.



## The NEW Beachwood Playground to Open This Month!

The City of Beachwood proudly announces the opening of its new playground, located on Fairmount Blvd., in front of the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center. The project is funded by the city, a \$700,000 grant from the county, and a \$10,000 grant from Daniel and Michelle Breha for a wheelchair swing. Visit [BeachwoodOhio.com](http://BeachwoodOhio.com) or the Beachwood Recreation Facebook page for the latest details regarding the grand opening.



# Beachwood Families Participate in Yom Hashoah's L'Dor, V'Dor Commemoration

**H**olocaust Survivors and their children shared their stories with the next generations at Kol Israel Foundation and Jewish Federation of Cleveland's Annual commemoration of Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah) on Sunday, May 5, at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, in Pepper Pike.

The event honored the theme L'dor, V'dor – from generation to generation – and was attended by more than 100 people. Six families, including at least three generations each, spoke of their family stories, honored their loved ones, and lit candles representing the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis in the Holocaust. The program included the Presentation of Colors, a March of Generations, a Procession of Holocaust Torah Scrolls, and awards from the Creative Arts Contest.

Families participating in the candle lighting were:

**The Family of Esther Gelbart Frank.** Her story was presented by her son, Mark Frank; granddaughter, Jordan Walman; and great-granddaughter, Remy Walman.

**The Family of Jacob Hennenberg.** His story was presented by his son, Michael Hennenberg; his granddaughter, Julie Kronenberg; and his great-granddaughters, Lily and Hannah Kronenberg.

**The Family of Edith Kalus Perl.** Her story was presented by her daughter, Debby Chudakoff; her granddaughter, Lindsay Friedman; and her great-granddaughter, Lily Friedman.

**The Family of Steven Slomovitz.** His story was presented by his son, Eric Slomovitz; his grandson, Justin Slomovitz; and his great-grandson, Maxwell Slomovitz.

**The Family of Ida and Samuel Zelwin.** Their story was presented by their son, Harry Zelwin; their granddaughter, Ashley Boro Garrard; and their great-grandson, Ari Zelwin.

**Erika Gold and Family.** Erika presented her story with her daughter, Marilyn Zaas, program chair; and her granddaughters, Sarah Zaas and Jazzy Gold.

"This year's commemoration is much different than those in the past because 'Never again' is back. Jews are being killed because of their religion," said Robert Zelwin, Kol Israel Foundation president. "Today the world is finding out that Jews do fight back. The world watches as Jews are being killed and objects when they fight back."

Program co-chair Marilyn Zaas urged the audience "to listen carefully to the histories you are about to hear. Share these details with others who are not here to bear witness. We must continue to educate the current and future generations to ensure history does not repeat itself. This is especially important now with the rise of antisemitism around the world."

Congratulations to creative arts contest winners:

- First Place Poetry – High School  
Piece Title: *Rock Bottom*  
Ava Ptahia, 12th grade  
Beachwood High School
- First Place Art – High School  
Piece Title: *Memories from Oma's House*  
Cecelia O'Leary, 10th grade  
St. Joseph Academy
- First Place Poetry – Middle School  
Piece Title: *Lost Generations*  
Amira Evans, 7th grade  
Laurel School
- First Place Art – Middle School  
Piece Title: *Always Blooming*  
Shay-Lee Hameir, 8th grade  
Gross Schecter



*Pictured from top:* Marilyn Zaas, co-chair of the program, welcomes the audience.

Harry Zelwin of Beachwood lights a candle in memory of his parents, Ida and Samuel Zelwin. He is assisted by their granddaughter, Ashley Boro Garrard, and great-grandson, Ari Zelwin.

Marilyn Zaas, daughter; Sarah Zaas, granddaughter; Erika Gold's great-granddaughter; Erika, Survivor and Beachwood resident; and Jazzy Gold, granddaughter, tell Erika's story.

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# Beachwood Library Happenings

The weather is getting warmer, a tell-tale sign that Cuyahoga County Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge is here. In 2024, Adventure Begins at Your Library runs from June 1 through July 31. You may register at your local branch or online at [ccplsummerreading.org](https://ccplsummerreading.org), then start tracking your reading goal progress on June 1 for a chance to earn great prizes. Check our event listings for the full schedule on our website <https://cuyahogalibrary.org>.

## Blood Drive

Saturday, June 8 • 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Donate blood today. For more information or to make an appointment, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) or call the American Red Cross at 800.RED.CROSS (800.733.2767).

## Author Garth Risk Hallberg

Tuesday, June 11 • 7-8 p.m.

Join us when author Garth Risk Hallberg visits to discuss his latest novel, *The Second Coming*. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/10048591>.

## Tuesday Book Chat

Tuesday, June 11 • 7-8 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of *The Frozen River*, by Ariel Lawhon. Registration not necessary.

## The Music of Rosemary

**Clooney with Debbie Darling and David Strieter**

Friday, June 14 • 2-3 p.m.

Debbie will take you behind the scenes of this singer's life and provide you with some insights as she sings many of her top hits. Live piano accompaniment by David Strieter. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/10292757>.

## Father's Day Concert

Sunday, June 16 • 2-3 p.m.

Celebrate Father's Day with live music by Yiddishe Cup. Sponsored by the Friends of the Beachwood Library. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/10273846>.

## Knit & Lit

Monday, June 17 • 6:30-8 p.m.

Join us for knitting and informal chats about what everyone is reading. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/10568639>.

## Third Wednesday

### Book Discussion

Wednesday, June 19 • 2-3 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*, by James McBride. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/10289233>.

## Through the Eyes of the Artist: Wassily Kandinsky

Friday, June 21 • 10-11 a.m.

Art historian Felicia Zavarella Stadelman will present on the life and works of Russian painter Wassily Kandinsky. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/10290865>.

## Fundamentals in Floral Design

Thursday, June 27 • 6:30-8 p.m.

Step into the world of floral design and learn the techniques to achieve a beautiful arrangement. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/10228702>.

## An Axe for the Frozen Sea With in Us: A Tribute to Franz Kafka

Monday, July 1 • 7-8 p.m.

In remembrance of 100 years since the passing of author Franz Kafka, Literary Cleveland and Cuyahoga County Public Library will partner to host a discussion of his life, work, and influence. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/10444334>.

## Storytimes:

### June 1 – July 31

#### Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

3-5 years, not yet in kindergarten, with caregiver

#### Baby & Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Birth-35 months with caregiver

#### Baby & Me Storytime

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Birth-18 months with caregiver

#### Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.

19-35 months with caregiver

## Children's Programming

### Family Music & Movement

Mondays, June 3-July 29

10-10:30 a.m.

All ages with caregiver

Have a great time dancing and moving to your favorite storytime music with beanbags, rhythm sticks, and more!

### Summer Fun for Everyone

Mondays, June 3 – July 22

Grades 1-6

Thursdays, June 6 – July 25

3-4:30 p.m.

Drop in for reading, art, science, technology, engineering and math challenges. No registration required.

## Kindergarten Countdown

Tuesday, June 25

6:15-7:15 p.m.

Children entering kindergarten this fall and their caregiver

Join us as we help your child build kindergarten readiness skills in a program aligned to Ohio's Early Childhood Standards. Monthly theme: Goal Setting. Registration required.

## June StoryWalk® Beachwood City Park East

The StoryWalk for June, in recognition of Pride Month, is *Julián is a Mermaid*, written and illustrated by Jessica Love.

While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train car. When Julián gets home, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies in his own fabulous mermaid costume. But what will Abuela think? Even more importantly, what will she think about how Julián sees himself? Mesmerizing and full of heart, this story is a jubilant picture of self-love and a radiant celebration of individuality.

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





The Board of Trustees of the Maltz Museum recently announced the appointment of Aaron Petersal as the next executive director, effective June 1, 2024, after a national search. Aaron succeeds David Schafer, who announced his retirement in February. David has agreed to remain available to the Maltz Museum to ensure a smooth leadership transition.

Board Chair Renee Chelm shared, "Aaron is an experienced museum leader having previously worked at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, the Clark Art Institute, and the Cleveland Museum of Art in increasingly responsible positions. He most recently served as the chief development officer/vice president of Resource Development at the United Way of Greater Cleveland. He brings a depth of experience as a visionary nonprofit executive, and we are looking forward to his leadership as the Maltz

Museum approaches its 20th anniversary."

"I am humbled to be selected as the next leader of this important institution," said Petersal. "I am eager to bring my experiences and skills to the Maltz Museum in support of its enduring mission of respect for all humanity. My passion for the Cleveland community and its future is unwavering and the Maltz Museum has an important role in our city, region, and beyond."

Founder Milton Maltz added, "David Schafer has done an outstanding job leading the



Aaron Petersal,  
new executive director



David Schafer,  
retiring executive director

museum for the past fifteen years for which Tamar and I will always be grateful. It is

well-positioned for the future and a new chapter under the leadership of Aaron Petersal."

Photo by Mariana Edelman

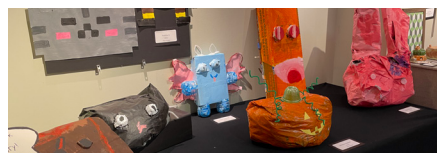
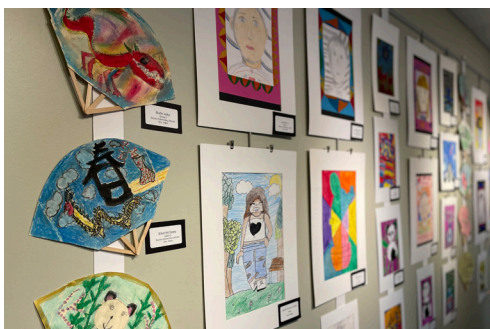
## Beachwood Schools Hosts Annual K-12 Art Show

Beachwood Schools, in collaboration with the Beachwood Arts Council, proudly presented the annual K-12 Art Show in May. Held at the Beachwood Community Center, the exhibit featured an impressive array of student artwork.

The diverse collection highlighted the artistic talents

of Beachwood students in a range of media, including sculpture, watercolor, jewelry, recycled art, and more.

Special thanks to art teachers Chunny Hahn, Sarah Krieger, Rachel Hartwig, and Heather Grano for their dedicated efforts in organizing this exceptional showcase of student creativity.



Top row:  
Hana Nakamura and Jazmin Ghaznavi.  
Middle row, from left:  
Ada Wu, Anna Chi, Airi Miyazaki, and Leah Wang; Emilia Harris and Li'or Auzenne; Dhilan Patel.



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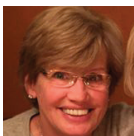
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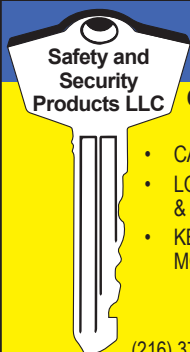
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