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Letter from THE EDITOR

By Debby Zelman Rapoport



ast month I had an amazing opportunity to travel to Scotland on a birding trip. When Bill, my signifiant other, and I signed up for this trip almost three years ago, it was in the distant future. Then, it was here.

Timing was good. I was ready for a reset and what a reset it was! The trip, led by lain MacLeod, a Scotland native who is executive director of Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, in New Hampshire, expertly led a trip that provided space for me to reflect on life, loss, and all for which I feel grateful.

Although I'm not much of a birder, Bill, and our friends Sherrill and Janet, are. I was excited to breathe in the beauty of Scotland's landscape while birding, taking photos, painting, and socializing with a like-minded group of nature lovers.

After spending a couple of days in Glasgow, we went to the Highlands, a mountainous region in northwest Scotland, and the Isle of Mull, the fourth largest island in the Hebrides.

We visited several lochs (lakes) and nature preserves; Balmoral Castle, the Scottish home of the Royal Family; Tobermory, with its brightly painted harbor front; Fingal's Cave, on the Isle of Staffa, comprised exclusively of basalt columns that were formed when volcanic lava cooled around 60 million years ago; and Lunga Island, one of the best places to see puffins, for two glorious hours of puffin therapy.

We also went on a boat tour on Loch na Keal, where we saw spectacular whitetailed eagles up close, with multiple opportunities to photograph them.

The day after returning, I read the following column by Ralph Marston, publisher of *The Daily Motivator*:

Instead of chasing happiness, enjoy it.

Instead of putting off life until later, live it fully where you are.

There is only the slightest connection between your external circumstances and the level of genuine joy you experience.

Every moment is, more than anything else, what you make it.

There are all sorts of positive and negative influences in your world. Yet the only ones that resonate within you are the ones you actually choose to identify with.

Your very nature is to be alive, aware, creative, and spectacularly effective. Let go of your doubts and allow your true nature to shine through.

Take a thankful and loving look at all that's right with your life. Put your energy into those things that have real value, and they will grow.

You have every reason to live more richly and joyfully today than ever before. Right now, let the best of who you are be gloriously alive.

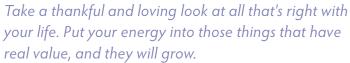
While I savor memories from our recent trip, I continue to focus on the happiness in my life today and to reiterate that every moment is, more than anything else, what we make it.

Please be sure to read the entire magazine, including this year's senior spotlight, which highlights the Beachwood High School class of 2024. Congratulations to all graduates. As Ralph says, "You have every reason to live more richly and joyfully today than ever before. Right now, let the best of who you are be gloriously alive."











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Help identify your risk for coronary artery disease.



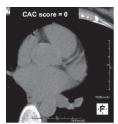
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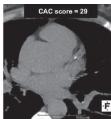
Despite significant advances, coronary artery disease still occurs at a very high rate. So, the focus for many people is prevention, being proactive rather than reactive. For those who haven't been diagnosed with coronary artery

disease, one prevention tool may be to know your coronary calcium score.

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"These screening tests are typically recommended for those age 40 to 70 and at increased risk for heart disease, but do not have





A higher calcium score can indicate increased risk of heart attack.

symptoms," says Cleveland Clinic cardiologist Neha Gupta, MD, who sees patients at Cleveland Clinic Hillcrest Medical Office Building.

The test detects calcified plaque, helping identify those at higher risk. A small portion of patients tested may have noncalcified plaque, but for the majority, a higher coronary calcium score suggests a higher risk of significant narrowing of the coronary arteries and a future heart attack.

"Calcium scores can range from zero to 400, or even into the thousands depending on the patient," says Dr. Gupta. "A score of zero downgrades the risk of a future heart attack or cardiac event, with retesting recommended in five years. Higher scores signal that it may be time to see a cardiologist to begin addressing prevention tactics including risk factor modification."

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Real Estate Statistical Update by Sharon Friedman



With the traditional home-selling season is in full swing, we continue to see a strong seller's market as inventory remains low. The number of sold listings increased 54% month over month from December to April, with a slight dip in May. However, the May average sold price per square footage of \$188 was up 18% from \$160 the previous month. The average sold price versus list price for the quarter is 100%, indicating that sellers are getting very close to or above their asking price. Inventory remains unable to keep pace with buyers' demand during this busy sales period. This sustained lack of homes for sale will improve the outlook for real estate in the coming months. Northeastern Ohio continues to be a desirable location, attracting new residents from out of state, while Beachwood remains very competitive due to the quality and age of the housing stock and the excellence of schools and community amenities.

– Gharon Friedman

Homes SOLD in Beachwood

March 13, 2024 - June 11, 2024

Street	Days	List	Sold	LP/SP%	Bed	Bath	Built
E Groveland	36	\$290,000	\$265,000	91%	3	2	1952
Halburton	5	\$279,900	\$280,100	100%	3	2	1951
E Silsby	260	\$300,000	\$290,000	97%	3	2	1948
Halworth	17	\$319,900	\$309,900	97%	4	3	1956
Belvoir	3	\$310,000	\$317,000	102%	3	2	1959
Fernwood	44	\$349,000	\$320,000	92%	4	2	1955
Elmhurst	62	\$349,000	\$325,000	93%	3	3	1952
Elmhurst	2	\$284,995	\$332,000	116%	3	3	1949
Belvoir	16	\$337,000	\$350,000	104%	3	3	1962
E Groveland	5	\$356,000	\$360,000	101%	3	2	1957
Fairmount	123	\$389,900	\$380,000	97%	3	2	1956
Ramsay	71	\$399,900	\$392,000	98%	3	2	1958
Glenhill	30	\$409,500	\$395,000	96%	3	3	1954
Larchmont	37	\$439,000	\$419,000	95%	3	3	1952
Hurlingham	7	\$449,900	\$425,000	94%	5	4	1957
E Baintree	5	\$399,900	\$425,000	106%	4	2	1953
S Green	11	\$429,900	\$425,000	99%	4	4	1956
Bryden	132	\$435,000	\$435,000	100%	3	2	1956
Belvoir	36	\$449,000	\$449,000	100%	4	4	1954
Hilltop	1	\$550,000	\$550,000	100%	4	4	1959
Halburton	91	\$575,000	\$560,000	97%	4	4	1980
Wimbledon	4	\$549,000	\$581,000	106%	4	5	1963
Bryden	2	\$525,000	\$585,000	111%	4	4	1959
Fairmount	18	\$639,000	\$619,000	97%	4	2	1973
Halburton	4	\$650,000	\$665,000	102%	4	2	1975
Fairwood	52	\$850,000	\$850,000	100%	3	4	2018
Elmhurst	32	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000	100%	8	5	2024
Hurlingham	55	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	100%	4	5	2023

Beachwood Market Update

This data was provided by Sharon Friedman, courtesy of NEOHREX. Data provided was accurate at the time of reporting. The source for the spreadsheet is MLS Now. The market data is from Trendgraphix, Inc. Information is believed to be accurate, but not guaranteed. Data does not reflect sales of property not included in MLS.

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Sharon's Recent Beachwood Listings & Sales COMING SOON: Townhome, The Village list mid\$400's NEW LISTING: 23512 E Baintree Road list \$429.900 NEW LISTING: 24418 Hazelmere Road list \$419,900 NEW LISTING: 24001 Glenhill Drive list \$275,000 PENDING: 2350 Beachwood Blvd list \$415,000 PENDING: 24376 Hazelmere Road list \$389,900 PENDING: 9 Dorset Ct. in The Village list \$345,000 **SOLD 6/24: 23700 Bryden Road list \$1,395,000 SOLD 6/24: 25129 Maidstone Lane list \$650,000** SOLD 6/24: 24461 S Woodland Road list \$429,900 **SOLD 4/24: 23700 Halburton Road list \$575,000 SOLD 4/24: 25741 Hurlingham Road list \$449,900** SOLD 4/24: 10 Bordeaux in The Village list \$375,000 **SOLD 11/23: 25404 Bryden Road list \$365,000 SOLD 10/23: 19 Deerfield, The Village list \$409,900** SOLD 10/23: 7 Deerfield in The Village list \$375,000



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Plus, this ADA accessible space offers plenty of shade and picnic tables for family members to enjoy a day out with the kids.

The city has been working on creating this playground for two years. It started with Mayor Justin Berns, Public Works director Chris Arrietta, and Community Services director Derek Schroeder attending a trade show in February 2022. Creation of the entire project has been public and transparent, with a dedicated webpage that documented each step along the way. Plus, there was a resident survey to determine what was most important.

Several playground professionals presented design concepts along with estimated costs. When the selection was narrowed to two vendors, they presented final concepts to City Council. Ultimately, Midstates Recreation was selected to bring this project to reality.

Playground Features

- · All new play equipment for all ages and abilities
- 3,000 square feet of multipurpose artificial turf
- · Rubber and turf surfacing
- · Fenced in with gate access
- Pavilion with 18 picnic tables
- 4 giant flower shades
- · Giant sand pit
- 25-foot tower
- 8-foot activated play mound
- The first in Ohio Trekfit Summit Climber
- Wheelchair swing pergola
- Interactive games
- Zip lines
- Music and art elements
- · Tables and benches located throughout
- ADA accessible features



Mayor Berns said, "This playground will help attract young families, raise home values, and provide another free amenity that will continue to strengthen and build our community."

"We built this playground in accordance with the caliber of the rest of our recreation complex," Derek added. "Since some of our former playground equipment was more than 20 years old, with wood chips, we saw an opportunity to upgrade our complex."

The city extends its most sincere gratitude to Cuyahoga County Council for its support in awarding a \$700,000 grant for new equipment, and to Michelle and Daniel B. for their generous \$10,000 donation toward an ADA accessible swing, which will bring smiles and happiness to many families.

The city held a grand opening celebration on Friday, May 31, at which Mayor Berns said, "We are delighted to introduce this playground to our community. Our goal was to provide a space where children can be creative, develop their motor skills, and simply have fun outdoors. This is a significant occasion and I'm thrilled to see so many smiling faces."

"Seeing this project come to life was years in the making," added Derek. "From testing equipment at trade shows to the finishing touches added by Public Works and Midstates Recreation, everyone involved, including Mayor Berns, City Council, and our department directors played pivotal roles. It truly took a team approach to create this playground, one of the best in Northeast Ohio."

Following a countdown from 10, Mayor Berns cut the ribbon, with the song *Celebrate*, by Kool & the Gang, playing in the background. While doing so, he said with a smile, "Now, let's play!"

"The turnout and support behind the grand opening were phenomenal," Derek said, following the event. "You simply can't put into words that moment when we cut the ribbon and hundreds of kids rushed out to be the first to play."

For more information, visit www.BeachwoodRec.com.

Amazing and lots of shade!

- James Hobson

Great event and amazing new playground.

- Jan Mitchell



It was an absolutely amazing opening event. So much fun. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work to get to this day!

- Rini Ghosh Chakraborty



We had a blast. Great job. Thank you for the great afternoon and incredible park!

– Dan lel



Thank you for all of the behind-the-scenes planning and work that went into making this project a reality. We're so happy to have access to yet another great amenity here in Beachwood, and even earlier this summer than anticipated!

- Crystal Marie Jacobs



Letter to the Mayor:

The grand opening proved that the playground can accommodate an amazing number of people. My granddaughter just loved it. On Sunday morning, I rode up to the pool, it was raining, and I was just amazed at the number of people in the park playing on all the equipment.

So to those who say that \$3 million is a lot of money, I respond by saying that it is a great investment that will be enjoyed by all. I contrast it to the super expensive private sports venues that are payed by all yet enjoyed by a select few.

Thanks again for your leadership on this project, and to those on City Council who supported it.

Regards, Don Isenstadt





Mayor Justin Berns, surrounded by Sunny Simon, District 11 Cuyahoga County Councilwoman; City Council members Jillian DeLong, Alec Isaacson, Joshua Mintz, Danielle Shoykhet, Ali Stern, Eric Synenberg, and June E. Taylor; Derek Schroeder, Community Services director; Chris Arrietta, Public Works director; Mark Lopez, Public Works assistant director; James Hobson, COO of Midstates Recreation; and Barbara Bellin Janovitz, former chair of the Recreation Committee, who was very supportive of this project.

Playground Timeline

2021 - Project discussed at a public meeting revealing over50% of the equipment is 20 years old and trees were a safety issue

February 2022 - City administration attended a playground trade show in Sandusky

July 2022 - County grant meeting

August 2022 - County awards \$700,000 project grant

November 2022 - Playground professionals vetted and included conceptional design options

January 2023 - Playground survey posted on Facebook and city website

March 2023 - Playground presentation at Recreation Committee Meeting

May 2023 - Recreation
Committee Meeting

May 2023 - Playground video rendering and webpage created

June 12, 2023 - City Council passed ordinance to purchase and install equipment

August 2023 - \$10,000 donation received toward accessible swing

August 14, 2023 - Motion to advertise for bids for the site work and flower shade structures

September 7-28, 2023 Advertised for bidding (Site work and flower shade structures)

November 6, 2023 - City Council accepted a bid for site work

May 31, 2024 - Grand Opening Celebration

Class of 2024 Spotlight: BHS Graduates Eli Silver and Jack Soroka Leave Their Mark

hen the Class of 2024 took to the stage at Severance Music Center for commencement, it was a moment of celebration, reflection, and pride. Among the graduates were Eli Silver and Jack Soroka, whose high school journeys exemplify how diverse abilities are not a barrier to success. Eli and Jack thrived as athletes and made a positive difference in the Beachwood community through their involvement in a range of extracurricular activities. The recent graduates shared their favorite high school memories and future aspirations with Beachwood Buzz.

Eli Silver

Fli attended Beachwood School's Deaf and Hard of Hearing program since age 3. He participated in sign choir, the American Sign Language (ASL) club, the Council for Exceptional Children, and Boy Scout Troop 662. Eli is now working to become a Life Scout. During his senior year, Eli also participated on the crew for the spring musical, The Little Mermaid. Eli started wrestling in Beachwood's Elite Youth Wrestling program and continued the sport through middle and high school.

In an interview conducted by ASL Interpreter Lisa Petrucci, Eli said, "I have always loved wrestling and wanted to be part of a team. Being an athlete helped me maintain focus in my classes and encouraged me to be more social. It also taught me leadership skills and helped me mature and have a more positive attitude."

Eli also swam with the Rec2Connect Razorsharks, an inclusive USA swim team that practices at the Beachwood natatorium, and participated in Youth Challenge, an inclusive group that plays different sports and performs social-growth activities.

"Beachwood schools always supported me with different therapies I needed," Eli said. "Deaf mentors Lil and Bob Pokorny, ASL interpreters, and teachers who communicated in ASL were very helpful throughout my education. There was also an audiologist, and physical and occupational therapists who worked with me when walking was difficult."

Eli credits Coach Jimmy Greenwood for his leadership, which led to his growth and success in wrestling. "Coach Greenwood provided extra practice time and worked with me one on one, which helped build my confidence."

He also highlights the support from his teachers and peers.
"They have been there when I needed them or had questions," he said. "Because of Beachwood's inclusive culture, I was more comfortable communicating with other people."

Some of Eli's proudest school moments were receiving employee-of-the-month certificates during job placements, being recognized as Athlete of the Week for wrestling, and walking across the stage to get his diploma at graduation. "I was so proud," he said with a smile.

"Beachwood prepared me for the next steps in my life by providing tools that I need to be successful," he added. "I learned how to be a good student and study hard. I thank Beachwood Schools for supporting me and thank my coaches, teachers, interpreters, administration, and most

importantly, my mom and dad for continued support."

Eli plans to attend the Ohio School for the Deaf for one year, followed by the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.



Above: Eli prepares for a wrestling match.

Left: Eli, with Educational Interpreter Lisa Petrucci.

From Coach Jimmy Greenwood

Eli is a remarkable young man. Sometimes when I think about him, I feel like I watched a miracle take place. I first met Eli while recruiting for Elite Youth Wrestling. He had the biggest smile, motioned me over, and let me know that he wanted to sign up for wrestling. I was thrilled by his enthusiasm and continuous progress as he went on to compete in high school varsity matches.

As an athlete, Eli consistently demonstrated sportsmanship, dedication, and enthusiasm to compete. He has been a great teammate. He worked extremely hard and maintained a positive attitude every day. Eli thrived as part of the team, making friends, getting stronger, and developing meaningful relationships. His enthusiasm and joy were evident, especially at the end of the year when he still had the biggest smile!



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Jack Soroka

At Beachwood High School, Jack honed his wide-ranging talents in theater, language learning, journalism, and athletics. He participated in Excel TECC's Performing Arts Academy, a career preparatory program for juniors and seniors. This program offers an educational and performance-based experience in theater, helping students build confidence, courage, and mastery in creative self-expression.

During his senior year, Jack's proudest accomplishment was serving as the stage manager, where he flawlessly managed an entire production. Jack also enjoyed being active behind the scenes in the Bison Drama Club, primarily working on the soundboard.

Another integral part of Jack's high school experience was his study of Mandarin, which he began in sixth grade and continued through the Advanced Placement level in his senior year. Jack also contributed to the *Beachcomber*, the school's award-winning newspaper, as a staff writer, social media manager, and multimedia manager.

Beyond his artistic and academic pursuits, Jack embraced a new challenge in his senior year by joining the Bison track and field team as a shot put competitor.

"When Kelvette Beacham, the throwing coach, was looking to expand the team, she asked current throwers to spread the word," Jack said. "When a close friend brought it up to me, I thought she was joking. Then, when the coach brought it up, I realized that this was truly an opportunity."

Having never been part of an athletic team before, Jack found the experience rewarding. "Becoming Beachwood High School's first-ever seated athlete and setting a few personal records for seated athletes were pretty neat achievements," he said. "Throwing the shot taught me that you can never truly know your limits and what is possible until you go out and try. I surprised myself in my athletic ability and now know that I have a good chance of achieving my future goals."

Jack's journey in athletics wasn't without its challenges. He advocated for himself when challenges arose, such as transportation to away meets, and praised the Athletics Department for its support. "Whenever I brought up an issue, they were ready to solve it, like when they made an accessible path for me to access the thrower's pit after I got stuck in the mud a few times," he said.

Jack reflects on the close friendships and mentorships he formed at Beachwood High School. Track and field teammate Madison Torbert "came to all my meets and was probably the loudest person cheering for me, even louder than my family or my coach," Jack said.

Michael Halagan, a special education assistant at Beachwood High School "went above and beyond during the school day, and then sacrificed personal time to support me in all of my extracurricular clubs, productions, and meets," Jack shared.

"Coach Beacham is one of the most incredible people I've met," he continued. "She encouraged me to work hard and push the limits on what I thought was possible."

Looking ahead, Jack plans to attend Emerson College, in Boston, to major in visual/media arts or comedic arts, with a goal of becoming a successful screenwriter. He said, "My experience in Excel TECC made me realize that I can obtain a career in something I am passionate about without sacrificing my creative spirit."



Right: Jack, with Educational Assistant Mike Halagan at graduation.

Below: Jack prepares to throw the shot.



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- Jack Soroka

From Assistant Track Coach Kelvette Beacham

Jack was a wonderful addition to the team. He always wanted to throw and always worked hard. It could be raining and he'd still want to throw. Plus, he always wanted to be involved in weight lifting and with adaptive weights. He really got into it. Other students looked up to Jack because he was a hard worker who was always looking to engage. He has positive energy and a great sense of humor.

Jack was best friends with the throwers-area captain,

and there was a lot of fun with a lot of laughs. Jack would always spend extra time with the team, even at meets he didn't have to attend because he wanted to support his teammates. He was great about being a team player. Whenever he participated, Jack did his very best. Almost every time he competed, he improved and beat his personal record. Overall, Jack is a great human who was a joy to work with.

A Celebration of Family

Two Collections That Explore the Diverse Families
That Form the Fabric of America

Now on view at the Maltz Museum is a new exhibition celebrating diverse families found in America. The Museum's A Celebration of Family exhibition combines two collections with interactive children's activities and is on view through 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.

Growing Up Jewish – Art **& Storytelling** is an exhibition of 42 contemporary paintings and personal narratives by artist Jacqueline Kott-Wolle that explore 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.

Love Makes a Family:
Portraits of LGBTQ+ People and
Their Families, produced by
the Family Diversity Project, is a
traveling exhibit that includes
43 photographs and interviews
with families that have 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 narratives are designed
especially for younger children.

This collection 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 exhibit contributes to dismantling the destructive power of prejudice and intolerance. The mission of *Love Makes a Family* is to make the world safer for everyone.

Rooted in the Jewish value of respect for all humanity, the Maltz Museum explores diverse stories of courage from history and today for a more inclusive tomorrow. For tickets or more information, call 216.593.0575 or visit www.maltzmuseum.org.



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Growing Up Jewish: A Talk with Artist Jacqueline Kott-Wolle Tuesday, July 9, 1:00 pm.

This Improvised Life: LGBTQ+ Voices Wednesday, July 10, 7:00 pm

Jungle Terry: Animal Families Sunday, July 14, 1:30 pm

Meet the Author: Weekends and Summers with Dad, by Aaron Jeter Wednesday, July 31, 7:00 pm

Proud To Be Me: Family Flag Day Sunday, August 18, 1:30 pm

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2024 Beachwood Hometown Heroes

On Wednesday, May 15, the City of Beachwood and Beachwood Historical Society celebrated Hometown Heroes at Beachwood City Park West. This year, 11 heroes were recognized.

Heroes, who live or work in our city, are selected through a nomination process. A successful nominee makes a positive impact on our community; shows dedication to helping others; displays



courage, care, and concern; and makes contributions that enhance Beachwood.

A special ceremony at the Heroes' Garden was held to honor those who were selected. Families, friends, and guests of the heroes were also honored at a lovely reception following the ceremony.

Mayor Justin Berns started out by welcoming those in attendance. He then mentioned characteristics of a hero, some of which are being a role model and providing service to others.

Mayor Berns; Rosemary Nemeth, president of the Beachwood Historical Society; Eric Synenberg, Beachwood City Council member; Wendy Berezovsky, Chaya Dalya's mother; Dr. Tony Srithai, principal of Beachwood Middle School; Arianna DeGeorge, principal of Bryden Elementary; and Derek Schroeder, director of Beachwood Community Services, then recognized each of the heroes.

"Hometown Heroes do ordinary things in extraordinary ways," said Rosemary. "It's so important for us to have role models to follow."

Be sure to visit Beachwood Park West and see the Heroes' Garden. If you have someone you would like to nominate for next year, watch for more information in upcoming issues of *Beachwood Buzz* or contact Rosemary at 216. 956.1945.

Chaya Dalya Berezovsky

Born with cancer, Chaya Dalya is an 19-year-old miracle. She approaches each day with an amazing, positive, and happy attitude. As president of a nonprofit organization called Sweet Dreams for Kids, Chaya Dalya gives smiles, support, and new pajamas as she visits children in the hospital. So far, her organization has donated over 35,000 pajamas and counting. Just recently, she took the hero definition to another level when she saved her own mother's life.



Alan Berger

Alan, a long-time resident, has been involved in Beachwood 100 since his father established it. He still serves as the treasurer, but his involvement goes beyond handling just finances. He is instrumental in distributing scholarships and gifting to the first responders of Beachwood. Alan has filled the role of treasure for many Beachwood organizations like the PTO (formerly PTA) and Beachwood Boosters.



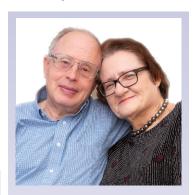
Shannon Diamond

Shannon is celebrated for her exceptional skill in orchestrating successful events and day camps, always placing the safety and satisfaction of participants at the forefront. Over her 23 years of dedicated service for the City of Beachwood, she has become a trusted and dependable link between various departments, ensuring seamless coordination. Her genuine joy in engaging with residents and visitors shines through, crafting lasting memories for families.



Chunny Hahn

Chunny's dedication to and compassion for students are immeasurable. She cares so deeply for the Beachwood students, and truly takes time to get to know them and their families. Her efforts help each student shine in her art classes, which feature assignments designed to spotlight the amazing variety of cultures and identities that comprise the school district.



Drs. Michael and Gretta Jacobs

Gretta and Michael immigrated to Cleveland in 1979, several years after their medical school graduation in South Africa. They both specialized in pathology with careers lasting over 30 years, Gretta working in surgical pathology and Michael in clinical microbiology. While landscaping their retirement home, they developed a passion for gardening as experts specializing in conifers and Japanese maples. They graciously have made their garden available for city tours on many occasions.



Hometown Heroes, pictured from left: Chaya Dalya Berezovsky, Alan Berger, Shannon Diamond, Chunny Hahn, Dr Gretta Jacobs. Dr. Michael Jacobs, Daniel MacVeigh, Debbie Rubenstein, Dan Wochele, and Robert Young.

Not pictured: Debra Zelman Rapoport



Daniel MacVeigh

Daniel demonstrates tremendous dedication to, and pride in, his work. His incredible efforts, which often occur behind the scenes, late at night, or behind a snowblower before dawn, maintain the environments in which Beachwood students work, learn, and grow. In addition to ensuring a safe environment, Daniel has a friendly "good morning" for every student, every day.

"Hometown Heroes do ordinary things in extraordinary ways," said Rosemary. "It's so important for us to have role models to follow."



Debra Zelman Rapoport

Debra is the owner, editor, and publisher of Beachwood Buzz, a monthly magazine that focuses on all that is good in Beachwood. Beachwood Buzz was created in 1996 to share information about the community, for the community, by the community: To highlight and inspire, focus on positivity, and shine the spotlight on organizations, businesses, and individuals who enrich our city's vibrancy.



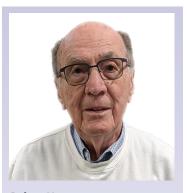
Debbie Rubenstein

Debbie has been a master teacher in the Beachwood Schools for 37 years. She has dedicated her life to preparing young minds to have a love of learning and a successful future. Patience, creativity, and flexibility are just a few of the characteristics that have helped Debbie build a wonderful rapport with students, parents, and fellow teachers.



Dan Wochele

Dan, a 20-plus-year respected member of the Beachwood Fire Department, was named the 2023 Firefighter of the Year. He has spent countless hours compiling the history of the Beachwood Fire Department and displaying it in the city's fire stations. According to Fire Chief Steven Holtzman, "Firefighter Wochele has always had a great demeanor and positive attitude. He is a great role model."



Robert Young

Robert served in the Army during the Korean War and has been a city resident for over 58 years. After the war, he volunteered at the USO and the Cleveland VA Hospital in the spinal cord unit. Additionally, he has volunteered with the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce and Metro Parks, and lobbied for both the Arctic Wildlife Refuge Act and the Clean Air Act. Above all, he is a devoted and loving husband, father, and friend to many.

City of Beachwood Welcomes Dr. Carl Allamby as New EMS Medical Director

r. Carl Allamby, an emergency medicine physician at Cleveland Clinic, Emergency Life-Flight physician at Metro Health Hospital, and medical director of the City of South Euclid, recently accepted the role of medical director of the City of Beachwood. He took over a role that was previously held by Dr. Graham Kehrer.

In this role, Dr. Allamby serves as a critical liaison between our EMS team, hospital administrators and medical staff, local public health and public safety agencies, and members of our community. He is required to approve all patient care measures performed by the certified EMS personnel within the agency. He also provides written protocols to maximize quality patient care, and to direct a patient's triage, treatment, and transport to the most appropriate facility.

As medical director, Dr.
Allamby is also responsible for the provision of training, continuing education, and quality assurance programs to the EMS agency, and to identify opportunities for improved patient care delivery.

Medicine was not always his career path. Prior, he was a business owner and professional automotive technician. Then, at age 43, after 25 years in the industry, Dr. Allamby traded in his toolbox for a stethoscope by attending medical school to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a doctor.

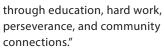
He received his medical degree from Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) in 2019, at age 47, and was then honored on Medscape's "best clinicians" list. This was one of many distinguished titles or positions that Dr. Allamby earned.

As a medical student and graduate of NEOMED, he was appointed to the board of trustees by then-Gov. John Kasich and was also a member of the admissions committee. As part of the presidential search committee, Dr. Allamby participated in selecting the most recent University president. Additionally, he was a community advisory board member for Cleveland State University and a mentor for many health science students.

As the president of NEOMED's local chapter of the Student National Medical Association in 2017 and 2018, Dr. Allamby helped to promote the ongoing legacy of diversity and inclusion of minority professionals in the field of medicine.

His career-change story has been featured locally,

"My goal in medicine is not only to heal the injured or ill," Dr. Allamby said.
"I'm also passionate about influencing people from all walks of life to pursue greatness and success by following their dreams and desires.



Outside of work, Dr. Allamby enjoys skiing, hiking, and working out with his wife and two daughters, ages 12 and 14. He also enjoys spending time with his 29-year-old twins – a son and daughter – and his 10-year-old granddaughter. Dr. Allamby still enjoys working on cars, and he continues to learn and grow by taking piano and ballroom dance lessons.

nationally, and internationally. It was our *Beachwood Buzz* cover story in October 2019 and can be read at https://tinyurl.com/CACoverStory.

"My goal in medicine is not only to heal the injured or ill," he said. "I'm also passionate about influencing people from all walks of life to pursue greatness and success by following their dreams and desires. I want people to know that their current situation in life can be improved





Beachwood Fire and EMS personnel work with Dr. Allamby to maximize medical efficiency and care.

By State Senator Kent Smith

How to Celebrate Holidays

t is natural to look back when we celebrate holidays. After all, something in the past created them. As we reflect on America's 248th birthday, let me suggest that our shared goal should not be just to celebrate holidays, but to create more of them.

President Joe Biden and Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio Cortez recently posted videos with surprisingly similar messages, even though they were about totally different topics.

President Biden was at the 90th commemoration of DDay when he said, "American Democracy asks the hardest of things: To believe we're part of something bigger than ourselves.

"Democracy begins with each of us. It begins when one person decides that their country matters more than they do."

AOC was talking about voting when she said, "The cynics will tell you that one

vote won't change anything. But what they don't tell you is that nothing can change without a vote. The truth is, the world doesn't belong to the cynics. It's up to us."

Both of those comments reminded me of my early days as a community organizer. Eventually I could recognize when a person or a family was going to join the fight for positive change. It was the moment that they broadened their perspective from this is my house to this is my street or this is my city.

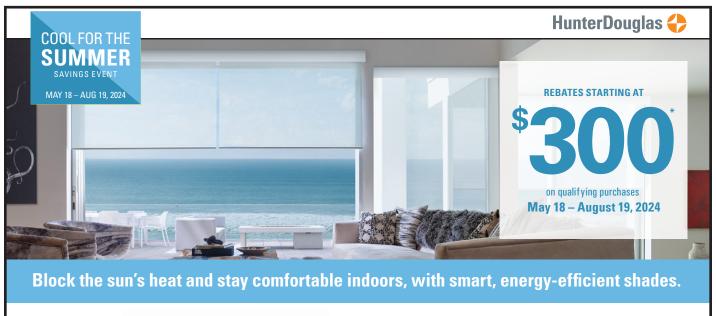
Last month we celebrated Pride as we paid tribute to the LGBTQ+ community, a community that has sometimes been illegal, where TransKids are the subject of legal persecution as opposed to being seen as young future leaders to be developed and strengthened.

We also celebrated
Juneteenth, a commemoration
of the final emancipation of
slaves following the Civil War.
But the fight for freedom is far
from over as daily battles for
equality and equity persist.

I encourage all of us to think of the Fourth of July and Pride and Juneteenth as invitations instead of celebrations: invitations to join the struggle, engage in the fight, prioritize your community, and prove the cynics wrong. Cynics want you to sit this fight out. They have a better chance to win if you remain on the sidelines. I want you to join me in this fight.

This month and beyond, please join me in celebration of this nation's milestones. I also invite you to help me create more new holidays that foster equality.

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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Integrating Physical Therapy and Mental Health Support in Lyme Disease Management

Lyme disease, caused by the bacterium Borrelia burgdorferi and transmitted through tick bites, presents a complex array of symptoms that often require a multidisciplinary approach for effective management. Symptoms can range from muscle and joint pain to severe fatigue, and can also include significant mental health challenges such as anxiety and depression. Addressing both the physical and psychological aspects of Lyme disease is crucial for comprehensive patient care.

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Integrating Physical Therapy and Mental Health Support in Lyme Disease Management



Physical Therapy Support Managing Pain and Fatigue:

One of the primary roles of physical therapy in Lyme disease management is to alleviate pain and combat fatigue. Tailored exercise programs focusing on low-impact activities, such as walking, Pilates, and yoga, can help improve muscle strength, flexibility, and overall endurance. These exercises should be carefully monitored and adjusted to prevent overexertion, which can exacerbate symptoms.

Manual Therapy:

Manual therapy, including massage and joint mobilization, is another critical component of physical therapy. These techniques can relieve muscle stiffness and joint pain, enhancing overall mobility and comfort. Additionally, physical therapists can educate patients on proper posture and body mechanics to reduce strain and prevent injury during daily activities.

Improving Mobility and Function:

Maintaining and improving joint mobility is essential for Lyme disease patients. Range of motion exercises help keep joints flexible and functional. Balance and coordination training are also vital, as Lyme disease can affect the nervous system, leading to difficulties in these areas. Improving balance can reduce the risk of falls and enhance confidence in daily movements.

Fatigue Management:

Energy conservation techniques are crucial for managing chronic fatigue associated with Lyme disease. Physical therapists can teach patients how to pace their activities, incorporate rest periods, and prioritize tasks to minimize exhaustion. Educating patients about the importance of regular, moderate exercise and its role in improving energy levels and overall well-being is also essential.



Pain Management:

Various therapeutic modalities, such as Deep Tissue Laser Therapy and Dry Needling can be used to manage pain. Physical therapists provide patients with strategies for pain management, emphasizing the importance of staying active within their limits and avoiding prolonged inactivity, which can lead to further complications.

Mental Health Support

Addressing Psychological Impact:

Chronic pain and fatigue often lead to mental health challenges, including anxiety and depression. Cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) is an effective treatment for these conditions, helping patients develop coping strategies and change negative thought patterns.

Support groups can also offer emotional

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support, reduce feelings of isolation, and provide a sense of community among individuals experiencing similar struggles.

Coping Strategies:

Stress management techniques such as mindfulness, meditation, and relaxation exercises can significantly benefit Lyme disease patients. These practices help reduce stress levels and improve overall mental health. Individual or group counseling sessions can provide a safe space for patients to express their feelings and receive guidance on managing the emotional burden of chronic illness.



In Conclusion:

A holistic, integrative approach is vital for optimizing the management of Lyme disease. Collaboration between physical therapists, mental health professionals, and other healthcare providers ensures that all aspects of the patient's condition are addressed. Educating patients and their families about Lyme disease, treatment options, and self-care strategies is crucial for empowering patients and improving their quality of life.

Combining physical therapy and mental health support offers a comprehensive approach to managing Lyme disease. By addressing both the physical and psychological aspects of the disease, healthcare providers can help patients achieve better outcomes.

- Kelly Beaudoin, CEO Balance Solutions Physical Therapy, Inc

City of Beachwood Programs for Seniors

Beachwood Community Services provides various programs for senior residents.

Programming promotes learning, safety, health, overall well-being, and more. The following opportunities are offered on a regular basis. For questions, call Community Services at 216.292.1970 and ask for Susan Gordon Merdler, program manager. For more information or to view a monthly calendar, visit www.beachwoodohio.com/151/senior-programs.

- Transportation: Free wheelchair-equipped van transportation service for Beachwood residents over 60 years old. This program offers rides to medical appointments, shopping, banking, and activities. Service hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. 4 p.m. Call 216.292.1971 for a one-time registration.
- Meet & Greet: Monthly programming features lunch and entertainment at the Beachwood Community Center.
- Physical Fitness: New aqua aerobics classes, pickleball courts, fitness park, SilverSneakers at the Community Center, Fun with Fitness at the Community Center, Senior Strong &
- Stable at the Community Center. Discounted senior membership rates are available at the pool.
- Cultural Opportunities:
 Exhibits at the Beachwood
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 Beachwood Beats concerts
 at the Beachwood Family
 Aquatic Center.
- Social Gatherings: Trips, weekly games, and lunch

- bunch/supper club, all offered on a regular basis.
- Life Enrichment: Drawing classes, music appreciation, trivia, mahj, bridge, movies, self-defense, health information programs, and community resource sharing opportunities.



NCJW/CLE's Share What You Wear Project

hare What You Wear (SWYW), a project created by National Council of Jewish Women/Cleveland is an initiative designed to support children in need by providing them with clothing and essential toiletries.

The project operates by collecting new and gently used clothing, as well as new toiletries, which are then sorted and packaged into personalized bags. These bags are tailored to the specific gender and size needs of the children and include items like seasonal clothing, shoes, hygiene products, and sometimes even school supplies.

The goal of SWYW is to ensure that children in crisis or from low-income families have access to the basic items they need to feel dignified and confident. NCJW/CLE volunteers sort, launder, and organize donations for use in fulfilling orders submitted by school and agency partners.

The most-needed items are gently used or new children's clothing, toddler to teen sizes. Items include tops, bottoms, outerwear, and footwear. SWYW also accepts travel or full-size toiletries and hygiene

products, including toothpaste and toothbrushes, bar soap and body wash, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, body lotion, baby wipes, tampons, pads, diapers, among other basic necessities.

"We believe that every child deserves to feel confident, regardless of their circumstances," said Heather Schlang, chair of SWYW, NCJW/CLE. "Through the generosity of our community, we can provide quality donations that recipients feel proud to own and wear. We've seen firsthand the meaningful difference we make in the lives of these children."

To date, SWYW partners with thirteen school districts/agencies and more than 55 social workers. University Settlement, South Euclid-Lyndhurst School District, Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District, Greater Cleveland Food Bank,

Bellefaire JCB, Fostering Hope, Signature Health, and The Friendly Inn Settlement, to name a few.

Items may be dropped off at the NCJW/CLE Warehouse, 26055 Emery Rd., Suite L, in Warrensville Heights. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please mark "SWYW" on all bags and boxes.

If you would like to volunteer, please email Heather at swyw@ncjwcleveland.org.

For more information, follow @NCJWCleveland on Facebook and Instagram, or visit the SWYW page at www.ncjwcleveland.org.

Pictured from top: Volunteers
Marcy Silver and Rita Langer
separate and organize clothes to
be distributed to Share What You
Wear recipients.





Summer Budgeting Tips for Families and Individuals

ASK JFSA JFSA

Dear JFSA: We need to limit our spending over the summer, but there are so many fun things we want to do. What are some ways we can stay on budget but still enjoy the summer?

Answer: Summer is a time for relaxation, vacations, and outdoor activities, but it can also bring unexpected expenses. To enjoy the season without breaking the bank, here are some practical budgeting tips:

Plan Ahead for Vacations: Start by setting a budget. Research your destination to estimate costs for accommodations, transportation, food, and activities. Look for deals and discounts and consider booking in advance to save money. Also, explore local or less popular destinations to avoid peak-season prices.

Embrace Staycations: If traveling isn't in your budget, consider a staycation. Explore local attractions, parks, and museums. Plan themed days at home, such as a DIY spa day or a backyard camping night. Staycations can be just as enjoyable and far more affordable.

Take Advantage of Free Activities: Many communities offer free or low-cost summer activities, such as outdoor concerts, festivals, and movie nights. Check your local events calendar and plan to attend these activities with family and friends. Libraries and community centers often have free programs and workshops for both kids and adults.

Be Smart About Energy: With higher temperatures, energy bills can skyrocket. To keep costs down, use fans instead of air conditioning whenever possible and set your thermostat to a higher temperature when you're not at home. Additionally, consider cooking outdoors to avoid heating up your kitchen, which will increase cooling costs.

Prepare for Summer Camps and Childcare: For families with children, summer camps and childcare can be a significant expense. Research options early and look for discounts or early-bird specials. There are scholarships available through outside organizations and some camps, which may include sliding-scale fees based on income. Alternatively, consider forming a babysitting co-op with other parents to share childcare duties.

Plan for Back-to-School Expenses: Summer can be a good time to start planning for the upcoming school year. Spread out the cost of school supplies, clothes, and other necessities over the summer months. In Ohio, the 2024 Sales Tax Holiday takes place between midnight on July 30 to 11:59 p.m. on August 8. Eligible items of up to \$500 can be purchased online or in-store tax free.

Track Your Spending: Use budgeting apps or spreadsheets to track your expenses. This will help you identify areas where you might be overspending. Set a weekly or monthly budget and stick to it.

By following these tips, you can enjoy all that summer has to offer without straining your finances. With a bit of planning and creativity, you can make the most of the season while staying within your budget.



If you would like more information, contact Janisse Nagel, director of Forward Focus, at jnagel@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.



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Independence

By Jen Stern

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

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

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

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

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

Bourne defines four types of negative self-talk:

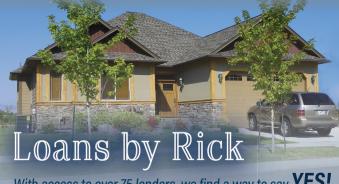
- The Worrier promotes anxiety through catastrophic thinking, prediction of failure, or fear of embarrassment.
- The Critic promotes low self-esteem through self judgment by filtering in and focusing on perceived flaws and weaknesses, as well as through comparison to others.
- The Victim promotes

- depression by perpetuating feelings of helplessness, hopelessness, or unworthiness of not being valued.
- The Perfectionist promotes chronic stress and burnout. They never see their accomplishments as enough. They strive for perfection (which does not exist), which creates anxiety, agitation, and a deep sense of failure. There is a tendency toward black or white thinking, cognitive rigidity, intolerance of mistakes, or of being human/flawed.

Productive self-talk is rational. wise-minded, and flexible. It allows for the acceptance of duality:

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





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Covering the basics of Situational Awareness, this interactive course will help prepare you to spot suspicious behavior and report it, which will help to protect yourself, your family and the community.

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Would you know what to do if an active shooting situation occurred at your place of business, place of worship, school, shopping center, movie theater, restaurant, or any other places where these events have targeted innocent persons? Join us for an interactive discussion with experts from the FBI that will empower you and your loved ones with the ability to respond confidently in the event the "unthinkable" were to occur.

Community Security Training



Beachwood Schools Welcomes New Hilltop Elementary Principal

The Beachwood Board of Education recently hired Amy Pinney as the new principal of Hilltop Elementary.

"We are fortunate to welcome Amy," stated Superintendent Dr. Robert Hardis. "She has excellent, relevant experience teaching in and leading elementary schools. Amy knows how to strike the right balance of care, creativity, and humility, along with clarity of purpose, resolve, and energy."

"I look forward to working with the students, staff, and families at Hilltop to continue building a strong culture that promotes problem-solving and a growth mindset," Amy said. "Together, we can create a supportive and innovative learning environment where every student has the opportunity to thrive."

Amy joins Beachwood from Strongsville City Schools, where she has held various leadership roles since 2018. As principal of Chapman Elementary School, and later as the district's supervisor of elementary curriculum and gifted coordinator, she was recognized as an exceptional instructional leader known for fostering strong relationships and supporting student growth.

Prior to her work in Strongsville, Amy served as an educational and literacy consultant at the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio, where she provided professional development, led leadership teams, and mentored educators to boost student achievement.

"I take great pride in developing teacher leaders," she said. "Seeing teachers acknowledged and celebrated for their efforts and growth within their peers, school, or district is incredibly rewarding."

Amy, who began her career as a teacher at Crestview Elementary in Brunswick, said her decision to pursue a career in education was inspired by her fourth-grade teacher. "She went above and beyond to support us both academically and socially, creating a safe space to learn from our mistakes," Amy said. "Her dedication left a lasting impression on me and I strive to help students in the same way."

Amy chose Beachwood Schools because the district's mission to "develop intellectual entrepreneurs with a social conscience" aligns with her own values as an educator. "I am particularly drawn to the celebration of diversity and the emphasis on active student engagement," she said.



In her first year as principal, Amy aims to build strong relationships within the Hilltop community. "My top priorities for my first year as principal of Hilltop Elementary are to get to know the students, staff, and families, to uphold and strengthen the existing systems, and to foster a collaborative community where all stakeholders feel valued and heard," she said.

Outside of work, Amy enjoys spending time with her family and training for Ironman triathlons.

"I am committed to making Hilltop a positive learning environment where we can all learn and grow together," she said.



2,300 Runners Raise Over \$380K in 24th Annual Race for the Place

More than 2,300 runners and walkers participated in The Gathering Place's 24th annual Race for the Place on June 2, in celebration of National Cancer Survivors Day. Race for the Place provides an opportunity to raise money to support the free programs and services offered at The Gathering Place to help children, teens, adults, families, and friends cope while on the cancer journey.

"Participants tell us, 'The hospital saved my life, The Gathering Place saved my soul.' Race Day gives us the special opportunity to celebrate all of those we've had the privilege to walk with on their individual cancer journey," said Michele Seyranian, CEO of The Gathering Place. "It is because of the amazing generosity and engagement of the community that we can continue to help

everyone who walks through our doors as they face a life altering cancer diagnosis. We cannot thank them enough: Without them, there is no us."

More than \$380,000 was raised at this year's event, with a fundraising goal of \$390,000 that directly funds the free services offered at The Gathering Place, including children and young adult programming, art therapy, nutrition and exercise classes, support groups, education, and more. Donations are still be accepted at www.touchedbycancer.org. Click on donate.

One of the hallmarks of Race for the Place is the opportunity to bring the community together to spread hope and inspiration to all touched by cancer. This is kicked off with a Survivors Ceremony at the beginning of the Race

featuring survivors from less than one year to 20-plus years of survivorship.

Leslie Harris, uterine cancer survivor. has utilized several of the services at The Gathering Place and credits it with her positive outlook.

"We're not only survivors, but thrivers, thanks to The Gathering Place. For me, it's amazing to find out there is a whole community of us," said Leslie. "When I first participated in Race for the Place, I saw the whole panorama of thousands and thousands of people who have not only survived but go on to have wonderful lives, 5, 10, and 20 years down the road, and in turn have gone on to volunteer at The Gathering Place or serve as



Gathering Place, I'm understood and can understand others. There is something uniquely powerful about that, emotionally. It's an

amazing organization that truly

others. At The

feels like home."

For more information about The Gathering Place, visit www.touchedbycancer.org.

Pictured from left: Mayor Justin Berns, who presented a proclamation on behalf of himself and City Council in recognition of this day; The Gathering Place CEO, Michele Seyranian; and The **Gathering Place Chief Development** Officer, Adam Ross.

Beachwood Arts Council News



This year's recipient of the Si and Shirley Wachsberger Arts Scholarship Award for Visual Arts is Alaire Bang, a graduate of Laurel School.

Alaire is taking a gap year, touring and studying in Europe and Thailand. Upon her

return, she will be attending Pratt Institute.

Si and Shirley Wachsberger were two of the founding members of Beachwood Arts Council.

Pictured left: Bob Wachsberger, Alaire Bang, Don Wachsberger, and Judi Wachsberger, Bob and Don are two of four sons of the Wachsbergers and Judi is Don's wife.

Pictured right: Alaire with her self-portrait.



Beachwood Arts Council Sponsors

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Beachwood Chamber of Commerce

Business to Business Expo and Women's Entrepreneur Summit

The Beachwood Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Business to Business Expo and Women's Entrepreneur Summit on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1-6 p.m., at Tri-C Corporate East. Sponsorships and vendor opportunities are now available!

This expo and summit will provide access to a wealth of resources, insight, and opportunities to enhance professional growth. Benefits of being a sponsor or vendor include:

Networking with fellow business owners

- · Accessing industry experts
- Discovering new business opportunities
- Participating in empowering break-out sessions
- Listening to inspiring stories from female entrepreneurs
- Accessing mentors and support
- Becoming involved in our community
- Celebrating the Beachwood business community

Visit www.beachwood.org today for details. Booth space is limited. The early bird prices are in effect through Sept. 9.



Chamber Luncheon Cookout

Heck's Cafe, Beachwood Wednesday, July 10 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Hosted by the Chamber's Young Professionals Group Meet Mayor Justin Berns and his staff, and join fellow Chamber members for a hot dog and/or hamburger, cook-out style. Register at www.beachwood.org.

Coffee Hour

Courtyard by Marriott Beachwood Thursday, July 11 8:30-9:30 a.m. Guest Speaker: Ms. Stephanie Shaw

Members, no charge. Nonmembers, \$10

Women of the Beachwood Chamber invite you to a coffee hour to hear podcast host Stephanie Shaw speak about menopause in the workplace. Menopause symptoms can impact the day-to-day work environment. Learn how to open the lines of communication, create safe spaces, and establish clear policies that will support your team. Stephanie helps men and women understand the change so they can change their employees' needs. To learn more about Stephanie and to register, visit www.beachwood.org.



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JULY 2024

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE **REFLECTIONS & PROJECTIONS**

mid the rapid pace of our seasonal events and activities, it's important to take a moment to reflect on some of our recent achievements and to highlight other initiatives.

In May, we celebrated the 75th anniversary of our Fire Department's service with an open house. It featured self-guided tours of the Public Safety Center, a kid's challenge, drone demonstration, rescue enactment, a DJ and food trucks, and it drew quite a crowd. We appreciate and are grateful for the department's decades of service and for their commitment to keeping our entire community safe.

Last month, we celebrated the anticipated opening of our new playground which is receiving all the attention it deserves in this issue. The completion of this 10-month project is the result of many staff members' diligence. Chris Arrietta, our Public Works Director, oversaw the project from start to finish. He and Assistant Public Works Director, Mark Lopez, brought great wisdom, patience and technical knowledge to the development and execution of the plans. Also, Derek Schroeder, our Community Services Director, was part of the process from start to finish. He and Shannon Diamond, Community Services Program Manager, executed the plan for our opening festivities with the entire Community Services team taking part to make sure that our grand opening was a monumental success. I encourage everyone to check it out this summer!

Also deserving of our recognition is the Beachwood Arts Council, which will celebrate its 60th anniversary this year. Founded in 1964 after a successful arts fundraiser for Beachwood High School, the BAC became a nonprofit organization in 1968.

The BAC's mission is to nurture, promote and celebrate the visual and performing arts in Northeast Ohio, providing opportunities to cultivate creativity and community. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated organization in our community. The BAC hosts exhibitions that we proudly display in our Community Center featuring local and national artists. BAC also sponsors high school art shows and organizes tours of museums, galleries, private collections, homes, gardens, and artists' studios. It also

presents music and dance performances, workshops on various artistic techniques and lectures.

The stainless-steel structure, Family Suite, by renowned Ohio artist Stephen Canneto, positioned in front of the City

Hall on Richmond Road, was a gift to the City by Beachwood Arts Council in 1991.

Each year, the BAC awards the Si and Shirley Wachsberger Arts Scholarship to a graduating Beachwood High School student. Recently, the BAC introduced a Free Little Art Gallery at the Community Center, encouraging the exchange of art among residents. A permanent art piece by former BAC trustee Shari Wolf is also displayed in the Community Center, celebrating the arts as a vital part of the BAC's home.

Looking ahead, our Community Services Department (BeachwoodRec.com) has a full schedule of programs for community members of all ages, including our Summer Concert Series and Outdoor Movie Nights.

One of our most successful programs each summer is Safety Town, where children will receive guidance on bus safety, pedestrian safety, personal safety and more. We view this program as an excellent method to heighten young children's awareness and sensitivities to their surroundings.

I'd like to extend my deep appreciation for the time and effort extended by members of this administration and staff for handling so many aspects of our operations to enhance the lives of those working and living in our city. And we all are grateful for the community members who participate in all that we have to offer.

Chester Sevens Mayor Justin Berns

MayorBerns@beachwoodohio.com

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

MAY 20 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Fiscal Responsibility - Fostering Accountability and Efficiency

City Council has approved two union contracts that govern salaries and benefits for a 3-year period, providing updated and negotiated terms for our employees who are part of a collective bargaining unit. The terms of these agreements were agreed upon by the administration and the respective unions and aim to maintain fair compensation, and ensure that our workforce continues to receive competitive and comprehensive benefits packages.

Resolution 2024-12 accepts the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Beachwood, Ohio, and Laborers' Local 860 (Building Department).

Resolution 2024-13 was approved by City Council and accepts the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Beachwood, Ohio, and Laborers' Local 860 (Public Works Department).

City Council approved Resolution 2024-15, which allows the city to partner with a broker to streamline the sale of equipment. This move aims to ensure that the city can maximize returns on investments while freeing up resources for more pressing needs. With the fire apparatus no longer required for public use, this decision reflects a commitment to responsible stewardship of taxpayer funds.

Innovative Partnerships - Strengthening Community Connection **Though Collaboration**

Ordinance 2024-52 was placed on 1st reading on May 6 and adopted by City Council on May 20. This legislation was enacted to adjust the boundaries between the City of Beachwood, Ohio, and Orange Village along Orange Place. This collaborative effort signifies a proactive approach to address property-related issues spanning both jurisdictions. These adjustments aim to streamline processes for property owners, alleviating confusion and inefficiencies associated with navigating codes from multiple communities. This initiative underscores our commitment to serving constituents and fostering positive relationships with property owners and neighboring municipalities.

LIVE & RECORDED **MEETINGS**

Scan the QR code or visit BeachwoodOhio.com/WatchMeetings.



STAY ENGAGED IN YOUR COMMUNITY:



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

Public Safety - Strengthening Community Resilience

Resolution 2024-14 was adopted by the City Council. This resolution entails accepting a bid from Cargill, Inc. - Salt, Road Safety, through the Joint Municipal Improvement Consortium as the supplier of untreated rock salt for snow and ice removal for the upcoming 2024-2025 winter season. This decision reflects our commitment to ensuring efficient and effective snow and ice management practices while prioritizing road safety in our community.

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.



Don't let your recycling efforts go to waste



ONLY THESE ITEMS GO IN YOUR RECYCLE CAN

recyclable in Beachwood's curbside program. Don't be a wish-cycler: This is when non-recyclable items are placed in the recycle can with hope they will be recycled. A truck's entire load containing wish-cycling could be diverted to the landfill. In addition, the City of Beachwood could be charged a fee for the load contamination.

If an item is not listed to the right, it is not

Please help by doing your part to keep the City of Beachwood recycling fees low and assure all recyclables are processed properly.

Public Works will periodically check recycle can contents and give notices to those who are not compliant.



CANS Empty & Rinse



Empty, Rinse & Replace Cap

CARDBOARD





MAGAZINES



Empty & Rinse



OFFICE PAPER

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

Please no "Wish-cycling" or bagged recyclables. If it is not specifically listed above, throw it out as contaminated loads lead to higher recycling

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Work-Live-Learn-Thrive

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS

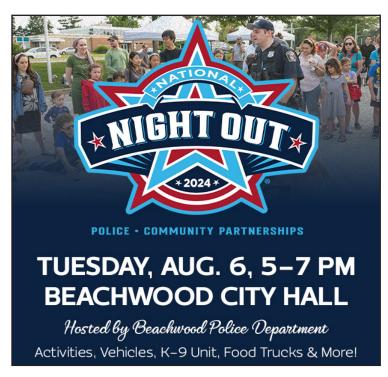
The Beachwood Fire Department welcomed the community to the Public Safety Center on Sunday, May 19, in honor of 75 years of service. The open house brought smiles to all ages as attendees enjoyed self-guided tours, a kid's challenge, activities, demonstrations and more. Some notable highlights included the city's new fire engine, Tower 1021, and a demonstration from the recently created drone unit. On behalf of the city and all Beachwood Fire personnel, we greatly appreciate your ongoing support of our safety services.







All ages enjoyed demonstrations and interacting with department personnel.



HOMETOWN HEROES

The City of Beachwood extends its congratulations to the latest class of Hometown Heroes. Each recipient has left a lasting impact on our community. Thank you for everything you do!



Learn more about each Hometown Hero award recipient on pages 14-15.

INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY HOURS:

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.
Rubbish collections on Thursday will shift to Friday. Monday through Wednesday will remain on schedule.

BEACHWOOD POLICE DEPT. WELCOMES PATROL OFFICERS

Congratulations to Beachwood's two newest full-time Patrol Officers joining the police department! Paul Stanley and Jorge Villarreal were sworn in by Mayor Berns on June 3. Welcome to Beachwood, we're happy to have you!



Left to right: Deputy Chief of Police John Resek, Patrol Officer Paul Stanley, Patrol Officer Jorge Villarreal, Chief of Police Katherine McLaughlin and Mayor Justin Berns







Beachwood

Deer Management Survey

The City of Beachwood continued a deer management program in partnership with the City of Shaker Heights this past season. We donated 3,086 pounds of venison to the food bank providing approximately 12,000 meals to people in need. Based on parameters outlined in our Deer Management Plan, an important part of the program is to understand the reactions/concerns of our residents. To that end, we have developed a residential questionnaire and appreciate your time and feedback. The deadline for completing this survey is July 15, 2024.

RESIDENT SURVEY:BeachwoodOhio.com/DeerManagement

BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:

Mixed-Media and 3-D | July 3 - September 7 | Proudly featuring 11 talented local artists!

A special artists' reception plus original readings by local poets/writers will be held on August 11 from 1-3 p.m.

RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING SURVEY RESULTS

Four hundred thirty one residents responded to our lighting survey. This represents a 95% confidence level with a 4% margin of error.

Of those who responded, 69% expressed interest in having residential lighting on their street, while 31% did not. Feedback on whether or not the sample lights on Beacon Road would meet the needs of the community and if they provided adequate lighting was mixed: 55% said no, and 45% said yes. When asked if residents preferred traditional streetlights instead of sidewalk lights, even if it entailed a tax increase, 61% opposed the idea, while 39% supported it.



One of the sample light fixtures from the Beacon Drive demo.

We appreciate our community taking the time to evaluate the sample lighting on Beacon Road and for providing their feedback. We remain committed to engaging with all residents and will use the insights we received to guide our decisions moving forward. We will maintain open communication with all Beachwood residents when we discuss the next step.

Survey results are available on our website at BeachwoodOhio.com/Lights.

CONGRATULATIONS WHITNEY CROOK, CLERK OF COUNCIL

Congratulations to Whitney Crook, Clerk of Council, on earning the Certified Municipal Clerk and Master Municipal Clerk Certificates

from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks!

As Council President Alec Isaacson stated at the June 10 city council meeting, "Whitney is very much the backbone of Council's operations. She is the one who tracks all the details and gets everything lined up week after week. Without Whitney's support, things would be a lot harder for all of us."



Whitney and her family alongside Council President Alec Isaacson.



Kirsi Cochell, Senior Strong & Stable Instructor

Just want you to know how very happy we are with our Seniors Strong and Stable class. The instructor (Kirsi Cochell) is knowledgeable, kind, creative and really helpful without the condescending attitude that is often a problem in seniors classes. We have just signed up for the later summer class . Thank you for encouraging this excellent instructor!

Kathryn Whittington, Resident

JULY RECREATION GUIDE

UNLEASHING FUN: PLAYGROUND GRAND OPENING



For additional coverage and photos of the May 31 grand opening, see pages 7-9. Photography by Discovery Photo.

50-YEAR RESIDENTS HONORED

At the May 20 council meeting, the city was thrilled and honored to recognized our latest 50-year residents! What a commitment to the community and endorsement of Beachwood! Residents who were celebrated include Ronna Bernstein, Joanne Breen, Sarah Britton, Judith Kirchick, Richard & Fran Polster, Jack & Jean Ann Sexton and Carol Weitzner.







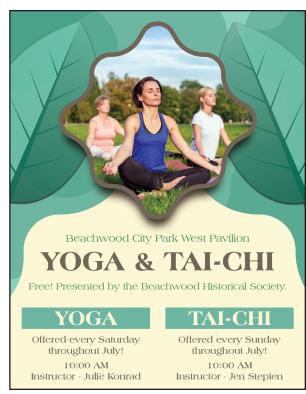




Top, left to right: Ronna Bernstein, Sarah Britton, Judith Kirchick

Botton, left to right: Richard & Fran Polster, Carol Weitzner

Not pictured: Joanne Breen, Jack & Jean Ann Sexton





CONCERT & MOVIE CALENDAR

- Concert: FM Project (Steely Dan Tribute Band)
 Tuesday, July 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Beachwood Family Aquatic Center
- Concert: Blue Lunch (Jump/Blues/Swing Band)
 Tuesday, July 16, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Beachwood Family Aquatic Center
- Outdoor Movie Night: Trolls Band Together Sunday, July 21, 5:00 p.m.
 Beachwood High School Parking Lot
- Concert: FM 77 (Music of the 70s)
 Tuesday, July 23, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Beachwood Family Aquatic Center
- Concert: Cleveland TOPS (Swing Band)
 Tuesday, July 30 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Beachwood Family Aquatic Center (FREE)



BEACHWOOD SENIORS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & TRIPS

Chillin' & Chattin' - National Vanilla Ice Cream Day
 Tuesday, July 23, 1:00 p.m., Beachwood Community Center
 Free, RSVP required by July 18.

Nothing is more refreshing on a summer's day than a scoop of vanilla ice cream! It goes with everything and is simple. Experiment with new ways to enjoy the world's most popular ice cream flavor on National Vanilla Ice Cream Day. No cost, invite a friend or neighbor!

Wooster Trip to The Ohio Light Opera

Friday, July 26, departs at 9.15 a.m. from the

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.

Toast To & For You

Wednesday, August 21, 10:30 a.m., Beachwood Community Center Free, RSVP required by August 15.

Your kindness, dedication and fortitude is to be celebrated every day and especially on National Senior Citizens Day! Enjoy some toast with us, be it avocado or cream cheese, rye, challah, bubbly or non-bubbly, join us.

SENIOR DAY OUT

Around America, 50 States in 40 Minutes Thursday, July 18, at Noon Beachwood Community Center

Residents \$13 Non-Residents \$16 Program Only \$5 Register by July 10.

No need to pack your bags or stop your mail for this quick trip to 50 states! Discover some interesting tidbits and personalities from each state with Bette Lou Higgins from Eden Valley Enterprises as the storyteller through words and PowerPoint. Wonder what the Ohio tidbit is?!

Meal choices include a chicken kabob or veggie kabob. All entrees served with white rice, side salad, beverage and dessert.

August SDO (8/15): Paul Landis, a Secret Service Agent during the JFK administration, shares his first-hand account of the tragic assassination. Paul will be with us to share his story, breaking his silence after 60 years.

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

Where Business Is Booming!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

NEW RETAIL INSIGHTS

Beachwood's One-Stop Business Resource Center was honored to have the esteemed owner of the EJS Design Firm, Edward Sajovic, formerly featured on the TV show, Window Warriors, join us for May's coffee hour discussion along with Lori Diemer. Their insights truly resonated with our city retailers, touching on the power of creative visual merchandising, captivating window displays, and inviting retail interiors. The conversation sparked excitement about the ways our city's Retail Visual Display Program can empower businesses. The next coffee hour will take place at City Hall on Aug. 9 at 9 a.m., where we will discuss ways to support companies that want to find new and creative methods to innovate.

Edward Sajovic, owner of the EJS Design Firm, and Lori Diemer leading May's coffee hour discussion at City Hall with local retail owners.





CITY ATTENDS OHIOX CONFERENCE

Beachwood's Economic Development Director, Catherine Bieterman, was joined by Councilman Eric Synenberg at the 3rd Annual OhioX Conference in Columbus. OhioX is an organization that connects, promotes, and advocates for tech in Ohio. Their coalition of leading tech companies continues building Ohio's Tech Hub within the Silicon Heartland of Ohio. This year's discussion was around emerging technologies and their impact on Ohio's industries. It's exciting to see the pivotal role Beachwood's companies are assuming in bringing forth innovation.

RESEARCH BOOST INITIATIVE PROGRAM AVAILABLE

During the month of July, the City of Beachwood Economic Development Office is bringing area businesses together with schools, universities, technology, innovation centers and laboratories to provide small to medium-sized businesses with access to research and cuttingedge resource tools. There will be a team of dedicated interns assigned to assist with a wide variety of business tasks, research and support. This assistance for Beachwood businesses may include research on market trends, competitive strategy, emerging industry technologies, marketing strategy, along with other various supporting research projects. There may also be access to facilities and equipment through area innovation centers that businesses may like to explore to better understand the resources that may be leveraged to enhance innovation, foster growth and bolster competitiveness. Beachwood businesses interested in meeting with a Research Boost Initiative (RBI) program assistant can request a form or can call the Office of Economic Development at 216.292.1915 to schedule an appointment to discuss any specific projects.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING REVITALIZATION

The Economic Development Office is supporting investment in commercial properties through an array of innovative financing tools aimed at building improvement projects that lead to the creation and retention of employment opportunities. A new resource page offers a vast understanding of these incentives and tools including Community Reinvestment Area Tax Abatement (CRA), Property Assessed Commercial Energy Program (PACE), Savings Through Efficiency Program (STEP), Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), Link Deposit Loan Program and an Occupancy Incentive Program. Additionally, there are several resources to support progressive approaches within office buildings including information on Energy Star, the Green Lease Leaders program, and more. Details at BeachwoodOhio.com/ CommercialBuildingRevitalization. For questions, call the Office of Economic Development at 216.292.1915.

ALWAYS BE AN INSIDER, STAY CONNECTED!

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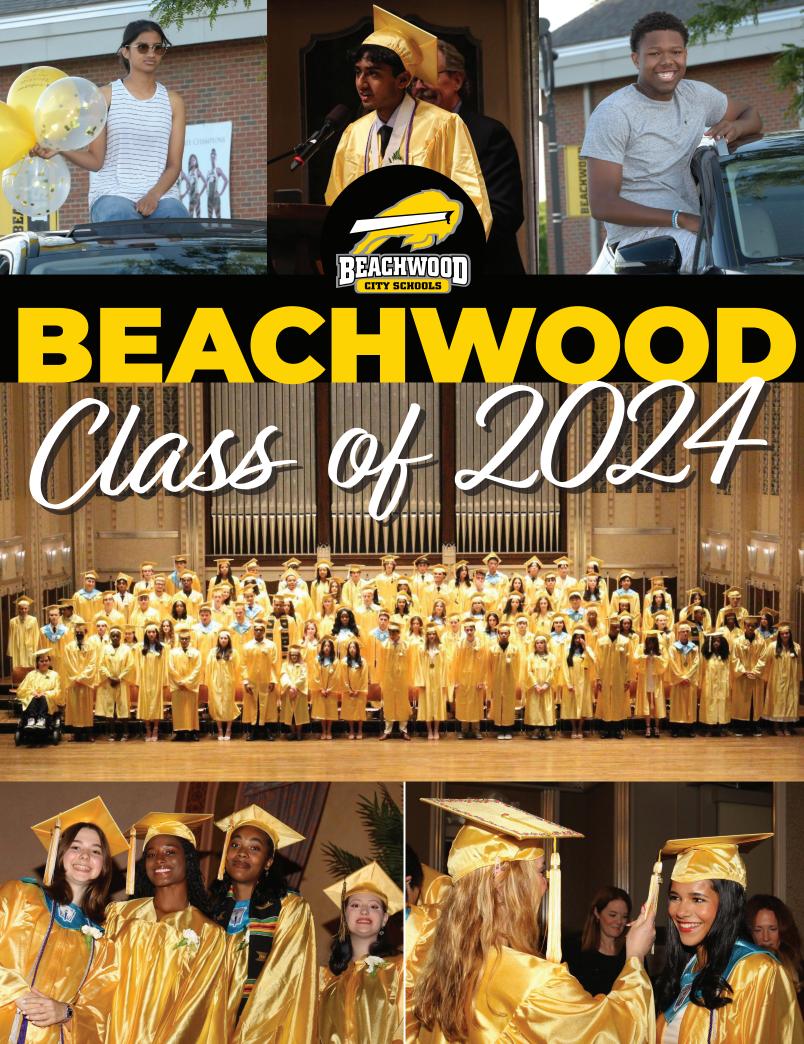
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Academic Recognitions

Magna Cum Laude Awards

Yeva Butovska, Strahinja Dimitrijevic, Joshua Fishman, Jacob Goldman, Nina Mayers, Probir Mukherjee, Vivian Myers, Veronica Schwartz, Allen Yu, Anna Zhao

National Merit Scholarship Commended Students

Ye Eun Ahn, Blane Ehasz, Nina Mayers, Probir Mukherjee, Allen Yu, Anna Zhao

Honors Diploma

Ye Eun Ahn, Cordelia Ames, Sarah Berns, Allison Berns, Leo Blond, Yeva Butovska, Rowena Cherian, Strahinja Dimitrijevic, Blane Ehasz, Jack Felder, Joshua Fishman, Jacob Goldman, M. Charlie Greene, Siya Gulia, Somerlyn Hollimon, Luke Jennings-Sanders, Maxwell Kuenzler, Sara Kumar, Nina Mayers, Alexis Mercado, Probir Mukherjee, Vivian Myers, Nitzan Omer, Eli Posa, Arianna Preston, Eva Ptahia, Joshua Rosenberg, Ozan Şaşmaz, Veronica Schwartz, Nishan Shrestha, Landis Teren, Sagiv Tirosh, Madison Torbert, Evan Wang, David You, Allen Yu, Anna Zhao

National Honor Society Seniors

Sarah Ahn, Cordelia Ames, Allison Berns, Sarah Berns, Rowena Cherian, Strahinja Dimitrijevic, Blane Ehasz, Jack Felder, Joshua Fishman, Camille Gill, Jacob Goldman, Marin Greene, Siya Gulia, Sloane Harris, Somerlyn Hollimon, Luke Jennings-Sanders, Nina Mayers, Alexis Mercado, Jonathan Mo, Vivian Myers, Eli Posa, Arianna Preston, Zoe Rosner, Ozan Sasmaz, Veronica Schwartz, Nishan Shrestha, Landis Teren, Sagiv Tirosh, Evan Wang, Allen Yu, Anna Zhao

M.A.C. Scholars Inductee

Somerlyn Hollimon

National Technical Honor Society

Cordelia Ames, Sarah Berns, Allison Berns, Marlee Duchon, Jack Felder, Camille Gill, Jacob Goldman, Marin Greene, Sloane Harris, Dakota Houston, Chamira James, Probir Mukherjee, Arianna Preston, Nicholas Reese, Zoe Rosner, Ozan Sasmaz, Merris Shellenberger, Jack Soroka, Jaden Tsirlin, Levi Turell, Samuel Uria

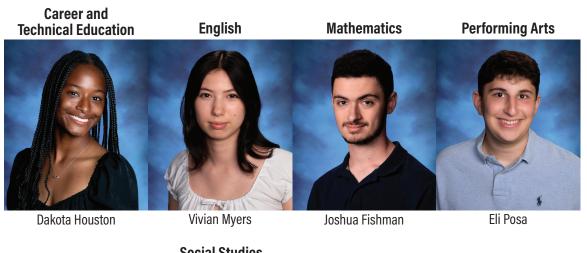
Magna Cum Laude

Top 10% of the graduating class by weighted GPA

National Merit Scholarship

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

Foundation Schoolarshipsby High School Department







The Beachwood Schools Foundation Scholarships and Awards









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

These are the recipients from the **Beachwood High School Class of 2024**

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

The Gina Michelle Agin Memorial Scholarship Award

Recipient: Veronica Schwartz

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

The Vera Arlen Scholarship

Recipients: Chamira James and Eva Ptahia

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

The Abby Bendis Scholarship

Recipient: M. Charlie Green

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

The Beachwood Chamber of Commerce **Business Scholarship**

Recipient: M. Charlie Green

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

The Beachwood Chamber of Commerce Harlan Diamond Culinary Arts Scholarship

Recipient: Nathan Whitman (not pictured)

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

The Beachwood High School Alumni Association Scholarship

Recipient: Sarah Berns

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

The Beachwood Boosters **Athletic Achievement Award**

Recipients: Dakota Houston and Jack Felder

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

The Dave and Janice Bloom Scholarship

Recipient: Jack Felder

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

The Cleveland Clinic Health Career Scholarship

Recipient: Luke Jennings-Sanders

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

The Donna Bickoff Cohen Scholarship

Recipient: Cordelia Ames

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

The Fred and Carla Crosby Memorial Scholarship Recipient: Dakota Houston

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

The Harvey Friedman Leadership Scholarship Recipient: Vivian Myers

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

The Beachwood Schools Foundation Scholarships and Awards (cont.)

The Gevelber Family Scholarship

Recipients: Probir Mukherjee, Sarah Berns, Strahinja Dimitrijevic, and David You

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

The Arthur Gugick Memorial Scholarship Recipient: Nina Mayers

This award was established in 2020 in the memory of Arthur Gugick, who, throughout his life, was truly an extraordinary individual. Arthur saw and experienced life through varying perspectives and creative modalities. In memory of Arthur's many contributions to the academic and artistic communities, this award will be presented to a Beachwood High School graduating senior who, through the creative process and completion of an original "work of art" will convey the spirit that Arthur left behind.

The Pam and Dan Johnston Scholarship Recipient: Nina Mayers

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

The Joan Lobert Scholarship Recipient: Siya Gulia

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

The Jill Dobrin Menachem Memorial Scholarship

Recipients: Lola Strean and Leo Blond

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

The Jay Shlachter Art Award

Recipient: Arielle Epstein

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Shlachter established this scholarship in memory of their son in 1998. The award is given annually to a Beachwood High School graduating senior who has demonstrated an appreciation and talent in the area of fine arts and intends to pursue a career in that area.

The Weisenberg Family Scholarship Recipient: Jack Soroka

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

The Norm Weiss Scholarship

Recipient: Jacob Goldman

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

The White & Gold For Bison Pride Scholarship

Recipient: Nishan Shrestha

The White and Gold Scholarship was established in 1999 by the Beachwood Schools Foundation to foster recognition and investment of Beachwood students. This scholarship is awarded annually to a senior who has demonstrated exceptional Bison Pride both in and out of Beachwood High School.

The Paul and Kate Williams Scholarship Recipients: Cordelia Ames, Siya Guila, and Allen Yu

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

The Dr. Jerry S. and Gail R. Wolkoff Civic Award Recipient: Vivian Myers

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





Barbara Nancy Holstein Memorial Award Recipient: Rylee Friedman

Synthomer Foundation Scholarship Recipient: Madison Torbert

Parker Hannifin Scholarship
Recipients: Sagiv Tirosh and Anna Zhao

Friends of The Beachwood Library Scholarship

Recipients: Blane Ehasz, Nina Mayers, and Anna Zhao

Michael Friedman's Buckeye Auto Lease Scholarship

Recipient: Jack Felder

Red Cross Club Scholarship

Recipient: Cordelia Ames

This award is presented to a Beachwood High School senior who is a member of the Red Cross Club who helped to organize and run a blood drive.

Awards

Randy S. Boroff Bison Award

Recipients: Sam Grieco and Hudson Peters

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

Gail Brewster JCWA Award

Recipient: Nina Mayers

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

Student Council Spirit Award

Recipient: Nishan Shrestha

Cleveland Technical Society - Senior

Recipient: Allen Yu

Outstanding Senior in Science and Math

OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest Orchestra Students

Recipients: Kyle Adams, Arielle Epstein, and Anna Zhao

OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest Band Students

Recipients: Sara Kumar and Nishan Shrestha

Outstanding Senior Recipient: Kyle Adams

Outstanding Orchestra Leadership

Recipients: Arielle Epstein, Eli Posa, and Anna Zhao

Outstanding Band Member Recipient: Nishan Shrestha

Outstanding Choir Member Recipient: Alexander Johnson

OMEA Solo & Ensemble Contest, Received a Superior Rating

Recipient: Alexander Johnson

Beachwood Band and Drill Team Boosters

Recipient: Sara Kumar

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

Beachwood Federation of Teachers Scholarship

Recipient: Nishan Shrestha

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

Beachwood PTO Scholarships

Recipients: Jacob Goldman, Dakota Houston, Luke Jennings-Sanders, Allen Yu, and Anna Zhao Each year the PTO awards \$500 scholarships to deserving Juniors.

Keith Bankhead Memorial Award

Recipient: Daniel Rub

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

Wendell David Haynes Memorial Award

Recipient: Jacob Goldman

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

AVI Foodsystems Scholarship

Recipient: Eli Posa

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

Friends of Beachwood Orchestra

Recipient: Arielle Epstein

Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence

Recipient: Sara Kumar

Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award

Recipients: Landis Teren and Madison Torbert

This award is to recognize students who display exemplary sportsmanship.

Ohio High School Athletic Association Courageous Student Award

Recipients: Lynnia Doss and Eli Silver

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

Ohio High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete Award

Recipients: Probir Mukherjee and Anna Zhao

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

Ohio High School Athletic Association Award of Excellence

Recipients: Jack Felder and Arianna Preston

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

Chagrin Valley Conference Sportsmanship Award Recipients: Strahinja Dimitrijevic and Dakota Houston

Ohio High School Athletic Association Award for Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Recipients: Mar'tez Pinkney and Kylie Walters

Yale Book Award

Recipient: Nina Mayers

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Kyle Arthur Adams Cleveland State University Washkewicz College of Engineering

Christly Keziah Adobamen Kent State University

Ye Eun Ahn College of Wooster

Abdullah Alqahs College in Kuwait

Cordelia Jane Ames Northeastern University

Christopher E. Austin Work/Apprenticeship

Chaya Dalya Berezovsky Work/Apprenticeship

Sarah Megan Berns The Ohio State University

Allison Rose Berns The Ohio State University

Leo Sidney Blond The Ohio State University

Yeva Butovska Case Western Reserve University

John Raymond Byrne Kent State University

LaShawn Antonio Calhoun Cuyahoga Community College

Alexandra Maria Carr Workforce

Rowena Mariam Cherian The Ohio State University

Ja'Mere Isaiah Cross Cuyahoga Community College

Brieana Bella DeGaetano University of Cincinnati

Strahinja Dimitrijevic The Ohio State University

Lynnia Theresa Doss University of Wisconsin Stevenson

Cameron Douglas Trade School

Marlee Nicole Duchon Verto Education in Italy

Blane F. Ehasz University of Akron - Williams Honors College

Arielle Bracha Epstein University of Cincinnati

Vanessa Lin Fadel Work/Apprenticeship

Jack Lazarus Felder Washington & Jefferson College

Joshua Fishman The Ohio State University

Robert Glenn Friedman University of Akron

Rylee Friedman Ohio University

Ezra Micah German Israel Defense Forces

Camille Stella Louise Gill The Ohio State University

Jacob Douglas Goldman Dartmouth College

Orly Tzipora Goldstein Indiana University

Gabriel Nathan Golubitsky Young Judaea Year Course

M. Charlie Greene Cleveland State University Honors College

Samuel J. Grieco University of Cincinnati

Siya Gulia The Ohio State University

Sloane Julia Harris Wright State University

An'eyea Ann Heard Trade School

Moriah Tayler Herbert Cleveland State University

Jaylynn Renee Desire Hicks Northern Institute of Cosmetology

Aytan Hochheiser Cuyahoga Community College

Somerlyn Hollimon York University

Dakota Madison Houston University of Kentucky

Chamira D. James Kent State University

Edison William Jeffers Bowling Green State University

Luke Jennings-Sanders Kent State University

Alexander Blake Johnson Cuyahoga Community College

Parker Lauren Jones Undecided

SENIOR DECISIONS

Lea R. Keren The Ohio State University

Vera Sophia Kheyfets University of Cincinnati

Daniel Klineman The Ohio State University

Maxwell Arthur Kuenzler Bowling Green State University

Sara Kumar The Ohio State University

Nina Michal Mayers The University of Pennsylvania

Alexis Faith Mercado American University

Miyani Marlie Mercer Trade School

Isabel Dahlia Mintz Ohio University

Jonathan Huayang Mo University of Southern California

Ivana Michelle Moore Trade School

Probir Mukherjee The Ohio State University

Vivian J. Myers Smith College

Nitzan Omer Ohio University

Dylan Grier Ornstein University of Cincinnati

Liav Haim Shalom Ost The Ohio State University

Johnathan Terrell Perry Cuyahoga Community College

Hudson Victoria Peters University of Cincinnati

Mar'tez Pinkney University of Cincinnati

London M. Pope Trade School

Daniella Portner Columbus State Community College

Eli Angelo Posa Penn State University

Arianna Sara Preston The Ohio State University

Eva Naomi Ptahia George Washington University

Ja'Niya Rahman University of Arizona

Mattix M. Revells The Ohio State University

Joshua Michael Rosenberg University of Cincinnati

Zoe Rosner Young Judaea Year Course

Daniel Rub Miami University

Ozan M. Sasmaz Miami University

Veronica Allison Schwartz Purdue University

Ishmeal Short Cuyahoga Community College

Nishan Kumar Shrestha Purdue University

Eli Anthony Silver Work/Apprenticeship

Jack Benjamin Soroka Emerson College

Lola Grace Strean Indiana University

Arianna Grace Taylor Work/Apprenticeship

Landis Teren The Ohio State University

Sagiv Abraham Tirosh Syracuse University

Madison D. Torbert Case Western Reserve University

Jaden Alexander Tsirlin Gap Year

Maximilian L. Uhlir University of Cincinnati

Samuel Uria Miami University

Cecelia Venditti Kent State University

Kylie Nevaeh Walters University of Cincinnati

Evan J. Wang Emory University

Aidan Francis Ward Kent State University

David H. You The Ohio State University

Allen S. Yu Case Western Reserve University

Anna TianQi Zhao Georgia Institute of Technology

Lung Cancer: The Importance of Early Detection

Early lung cancer screening is key. Do it before it's too late!

Lung cancer kills more Americans every year than breast, colon and prostate cancer combined. However, early detection through screening can improve survival numbers.

"Because you can't see or feel your lungs, most lung cancers are not diagnosed until they cause symptoms," says Andrew Feczko, MD, a thoracic surgeon at Cleveland Clinic Hillcrest Hospital. "Early screening is critical. Once there are symptoms, it's more difficult to cure."

Lung cancer screening is a safe and effective way to detect lung cancer in its early stages, when treatment may work better. The screening uses an imaging scan called a low-dose CT to take detailed pictures of your lungs.

If you meet all of the following criteria, an annual screening for lung cancer is recommended:

- Age 50 to 80.
- 20 pack-year smoking history.
- Currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years.

Calculate your "pack-years" by multiplying the number of years you've smoked by the number of packs (20 cigarettes) you smoke each day. For example, 20-pack years is one pack a day for 20 years or two packs a day for 10 years.



Andrew Feczko, MD

Dr. Feczko answers common questions about early lung cancer screening:

Only people who smoke can get lung cancer, right?

Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of lung cancer. Other risk factors include secondhand smoke, asbestos or radon exposure, or family history. About 20% of people with lung cancer have no history of smoking.

Are lung cancer symptoms prominent?

"Patients generally don't have symptoms in early stages," says Dr. Feczko. "That's why lung cancer is so difficult to diagnose."

Regardless of your smoking history, talk to a healthcare provider if you have symptoms with no known cause like:

- A cough that doesn't go away or gets worse over time.
- Coughing up blood.
- Chest discomfort or pain.
- Shortness of breath.
- Unintentional weight loss.

Why is it important to get screened sooner than later?

Dr. Feczko says the key to successfully treating lung cancer is early detection. When found early, up to 80% of cases can be cured with radiation or surgery.

Screening with CT scans detects more early-stage cancers and decreases deaths from lung cancer by 20% in people ages 55 to 75 who are at high risk.

How is lung cancer treated?

Cleveland Clinic offers every available lung cancer treatment. This includes options that are only available in select programs nationwide. Your personalized care plan may include:

- Surgery.
- Radiofrequency ablation.
- Radiation therapy.
- Medical oncology, including chemotherapy, immunotherapy and/or targeted therapy.



If you are at high risk for lung cancer due to your age and smoking history, talk to your healthcare provider. They can help you decide if a lung cancer screening is right for you. It's quick and painless and could save your life.

Visit ClevelandClinic.org/LungCancerTreatment to learn more about lung cancer screenings and treatment options.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Feczko at Hillcrest Hospital, call 440.449.8890.

Beachwood Jeweler Listed as a 20 Under 40 in Jewelry Retail

Jewelers of America (JA), the national trade association for businesses serving the fine jewelry marketplace, has named Megan Piccione, president of Megan Piccione High Jewelry, as a 20 Under 40 in Jewelry Retail recipient.

JA's 20 Under 40 is a recognition program that celebrates young professionals who exemplify leadership skills and a commitment to elevating jewelry retail for tomorrow's jewelry consumers.

Recipients best embody an ability to lead, innovate, and improve a jewelry store's success while adhering to professional ethics.

"This list was designed to recognize young and talented individuals in all facets of the retail jewelry industry," said David Bonaparte, JA president and CEO. "Megan possesses all the qualities and leadership skills that will help to pave the way for a brighter future and

the next generation of jewelry industry professionals."

As a third-generation jeweler, Megan has always had a hunger for art and innovation. After designing jewelry for supportive clients in her basement, just five years ago, Megan's little business quickly grew a following and established itself as a concierge jewelry experience hosting private appointments in her new custom-built showroom, at 3201 Enterprise Pkwy.

Megan has curated a collection that includes one-of-a-kind items for collectors, as well as a bespoke-bridal line and ready-towear fashion pieces. Her femaleled brand has revolutionized the way women in jewelry are seen and respected in the industry, and as the business's sole designer, manufacturer, and sales guide for every transaction made, her passion for creation remains in the forefront.



Megan Piccione in her custom-built Beachwood showroom.

"I am blown away and humbled to have received this recognition, and proud of what we've accomplished in just four short years," Megan said. "I am honored to represent our community in this prestigious way."

Megan, Beachwood High School grad, class of 2013, is a graduate of GIA and the daughter of Cleveland's retired watch guy, Dave Piccione.

Megan maintains the standards set by industry leaders, while upholding the same values as her family from 75 years ago: honesty, quality, and luxury.

For more information about JA's 20 Under 40 List, visit www.jewelers.org/ja/eventsnews/20-under-40.

For more information about Megan's business, visit www.meganpiccione.com.



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.

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, visit 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.



Jewish Federation of Cleveland Recognizes Women Leaders at Signature Event

ennifer E. Cohen, Leslie Holz, and Amy Nadler were honored at the Federation's Women IN Philanthropy Signature Event on June 5. Jennifer was presented The Ruby Bass Challenge Award, which recognizes a dedicated volunteer in the Campaign for Jewish Needs, the community's annual fundraising campaign that supports the local and global Jewish community.

Jennifer is the immediate past chair of Federation's Women IN Philanthropy division and has volunteered for Jewish Cleveland's annual fundraising campaign for more than 25 years. In her honor, the Ruby Bass Challenge Endowment Fund will make a donation to the 2025 Campaign for Jewish Needs. This award was established in 2007 in memory of Ruby Bass by her son, Jonathan, his wife, Stephany, and the late Lenore Kessler, Stephany's mother and a dear friend of Ruby.

The Lois Marcus Leadership award recognizes a woman who has shown commitment to the Cleveland Jewish community through leadership and volunteerism.

Leslie serves on the
Federation's Jewish Volunteer
Network committee, serves
on the Bellefaire JCB board,
and participates in Jewish
Family Service Association's
campership program and
Holocaust Legacy Project.

Amy is chair of the Jewish Volunteer Network and is co-vice president of Women of Fairmount Temple. She is an active volunteer at Maltz Museum, Shoes and Clothes for Kids, National Council of Jewish Women, Fairmount Temple Library, and Solon Public Library.

The Lois Marcus Leadership Award was established in 2024 in memory of Lois Marcus by her family and honors her lifelong passion for the Federation and Women IN Philanthropy. As recipients of this award, Leslie and Amy will be invited to join the Cleveland delegation to Jewish Federations of North America's International Lion of Judah Conference in 2025 in Atlanta.

"Women IN Philanthropy strives to bring together all women doing good throughout our diverse community to leverage our collective power to do even more in Cleveland, Israel, and around the world," said Ilana Isakov Katz, Women IN Philanthropy chair. "We are thrilled to recognize Jennifer, Leslie, and Amy for their meaningful contributions and dedication to our community."

In addition to the presentation of these awards, the Signature Event featured remarks by special guests from Israel, including Batya Mantzur, who is from Kibbutz Kissufim (Cleveland's new partner community) and is the daughter of Shlomo Mantzur, the oldest hostage still in captivity in Gaza.

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Pictured from top: Jennifer E. Cohen, Leslie Holz, and Amy Nadler.

Saltzman Youth Panel Grants \$45,000 for Community Needs

hirty-five Jewish high school juniors and seniors from public and private high schools across Cleveland have come together to recommend grants totaling \$45,000 to 16 organizations for crucial programs in the Jewish and general community through the Jewish Federation of Cleveland's 2023-2024 Maurice Saltzman Youth Panel.

Saltzman Youth Panel was established in 1998 through a generous gift from the late Shirley Saltzman and her family, in memory of the late Maurice Saltzman. The program is designed to help educate the next generation of Jewish community leadership, a passion of Maurice Saltzman's, who was a past board chair of the Federation. Each year, a new Saltzman Youth Panel allocates up to \$45,000 to worthy organizations - 85% of which are awarded to programs serving the Jewish community and 15% awarded to nonprofit programs serving the general community. Through this experience, the participants learn about the philanthropic process and responding to community needs.

"This year's panel shows incredible initiative and a sense of responsibility for our local and global Jewish community," said Daniel N. Zelman, Federation board chair. "We owe a debt of gratitude to the Saltzman family for their foresight and generosity in perpetuating the legacy of Maurice Saltzman. This endowment fund will continue

to have a meaningful impact on future leaders for years to come."

Panelists Abby Brown, Alyssa Feldman, Elianna Goldish, and Rachel Wolf presented the panel's recommendations to the Federation's Board of Trustees on May 9. Recommendations from the panel were unanimously approved by the board.

Among the grants were: \$4,000 to Bellefaire JCB for at-risk, struggling families and youth who are experiencing crisis; \$4,000 to Jewish Agency for Israel for the Fund for Victims of Terror; and \$2,000 to Family Promise of Greater Cleveland for essential hygiene kits for unhoused families.

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



Bottom row, from left: Bex Loebl, Elianna Goldish, Camryn Zucker, and Sophie Gellis.

Middle row: Sara Strauss, Noa Kaminski, Alyssa Feldman, Abby Brown, Charlie Greene, and Rachel Wolf.

Top row: Kiva Jacobs, Charles Stadlin, Elijah Kriwinsky, Nathan Markowitz, and Shawna Polster.

Panelists, selected through a competitive application process, met eight times throughout the school year. They created a Request for Proposals, reviewed grant applications, learned about consensus decision making and, in the end, had a tremendous impact on programs and organizations which improve the lives of others. One alumna, Caitlin

Hillman, also joined the 2023-2024 panelists as Saltzman Youth Panel Peer Advisor, mentoring her peers and ensuring that panelists are part of the communal decisionmaking process.

To nominate a rising high school junior or senior for the 2024-2025 Saltzman Youth Panel, please contact Lauren Henkin at Ihenkin@ jewishcleveland.org.

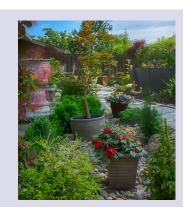
Beachwood Home and Garden Tour

Back by popular demand! The City of Beachwood and Beachwood Historical Society are planning a Home and Garden Tour to take place in mid-September, date to be determined.

Interested in opening your home and/or yard to be a part of this tour?

"We are always looking for new participants for this popular event," said Rosemary Nemeth, president of the Beachwood Historical Society. "We're grateful to work with residents who have opened up their homes in the past and look forward to meeting new homeowners who are willing to open their spaces for this tour."

Interested? Contact Rosemary at 216.956.1945.



Beachwood Shines at Destination Imagination Global Finals

Beachwood's Destination Imagination teams brought their wildest ideas to life at the Global Finals in Kansas City, Missouri, held May 22-25. Advised by Shelly Lewis and Tara Warner, Beachwood's young innovators competed among 600 teams. The Global Finals culminated a year of creative challenges in science, technology, engineering, arts, and community service. This year's challenges ranged from designing a pinball system and investigating archaeological artifacts to creating kinetic art.

Teams also competed in Instant Challenges, where they were given a surprise task and had just five minutes to devise an original solution. "This often requires out-of-the-box thinking and teamwork," noted Shelly.

This year, Beachwood sent four teams to the Global Finals. Representing Hilltop were DI3 and the Hilltop Beanbaggers, while the two middle school teams, [Delete DI Pun Here] and OATS, impressed by placing in the top half of their level and challenge. "The competition was robust this year but our teams were competitive," said Tara.

DI3's team members Julianna Chan, Joshua Hott, and Nam Nguyen achieved a remarkable fifth place in the world for Elementary Level Improv with their portrayal of a sad athlete in a kazoo contest. "We were so proud to see DI3's fifthplace victory displayed on the big screen during the awards ceremony," recalled Tara.

In Elementary Level
Engineering, the Hilltop
Beanbaggers – Anna Chi, Ada Wu,
Leah Wang, and Olivia Chen –
ranked 37th in the world for
designing a high-powered bean
bag launcher.

For the Middle Level Fine Arts challenge, [Delete DI Pun Here] performed an original song inspired by the Terracotta Warriors sculptures from China. Team members Zohar Wolach, Sam Kuenzler, Nathan Mu, Sophia Wang, and Sarah Zhou secured 17th place in the world.

In the Middle Level Improv, the OATS team presented a laugh-out-loud skit about a glamorous hero whose bed had disappeared. Team members Tanishka Singh, Sophia Wang, Oscar Liang, and Athena Yu ranked 14th in the world. Shelly highlighted students' growth over the past year. "Qualifying for the Global tournament provided our teams with a fantastic opportunity to refine and enhance their solutions," she said. "I am incredibly proud of how they embraced this process of evaluation and improvement. These are skills they can apply in other aspects of their lives and shape the way they approach important tasks or projects in the future."

Beachwood's Destination Imagination program fosters creativity and teamwork in students from kindergarten through 12th grade. With typically 10-20 teams participating each year, many students find a lasting community within DI. "Many teams stay together throughout their Beachwood career," said Shelly.

Destination Imagination helps students build important life skills

such as problem-solving, public speaking, research, and time management. By working on STEAM-based challenges, teams learn engineering design, structural analysis, and creative problem-solving. They create scenery and props and use different materials to construct towers and bridges, launch devices, retrieval mechanisms, and boats.

"We wholeheartedly believe in this program because it promotes student-centered learning," said Shelly, who has been coordinating the program for over 20 years. "Many of our DI team members go on to attend prestigious universities. They often use their experiences in DI as the topic of their college application essays."

To learn more about
Destination Imagination,
please contact Tara at twarner@
beachwoodschools.org and Shelly
at sml@beachwoodschools.org.



Back row: Sarah Zhou, Sam Kuenzler, Zohar Wolach, Sophia Wang, Nathan Mu, Tanishka Singh, Athena Yu, Sophia Wang, and Oscar Liang.

Front row: Leah Wang, Anna Chi, Olivia Chen, Ada Wu, Joshua Hott, Julianna Chan, and Nam Nguyen.



Perseverance Pays Off for Bison Robotics Team in Challenging Season

he Bison Robotics Team 695, led by coach John Keyerleber, captivated the Board of Education at a recent meeting with a showcase of their robot and a presentation of their recent accomplishments. John highlighted the team's remarkable growth from six to 30 members in the past two years, calling this season the "most satisfying" since he began coaching in 2018. The team's resilience shone through as they overcame setbacks during a challenging yet rewarding season.

The FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition, founded by insulin pump inventor Dean Kamen and sponsored in part by NASA, is a national program where students are provided with materials and given six weeks to program and create a robot. These robots then compete in teams on playing fields.

Approximately 20,000 students from 750 teams participate in the nationwide program.
Opportunities for interested students lie in engineering, programming, designing, applied physics, fundraising, public relations, and leadership.

Riding high off a fourth-place finish at the Pittsburgh Regional in March, Team 695 set their sights on replicating their success at the Buckeye Regional in Cleveland. These FIRST Robotics Competition regionals pit teams in three-onthree matchups, with the top eight qualifiers becoming alliance captains for the final rounds. These captains then select their partners from the remaining teams to vie for the overall win.

Despite their initial optimism, Team 695 faced numerous technical issues and ended the qualification rounds with only one win, seven losses, and one tie, ranking 45th out of 53 teams. This usually means they wouldn't advance further. However, in an unexpected turn, the eighthranked alliance captain chose them as a partner. Students made key repairs to their robot and performed exceptionally well with their alliance in the

championship rounds, ultimately finishing in third place.

"That's why I find this season so satisfying. It's because, through these failures, our students had to learn, figure it out, and work through it," said John. "Everybody came back and said, 'We're gonna get this next year. We're coming back even more determined."

Team 695 is gearing up for the upcoming season, anticipating a membership increase to nearly 40 students. Embracing a year-round training approach similar to varsity sports, the team is structured into four key sub-teams focusing on strategy and status, design and CAD, fabrication, and software.

Each sub-team focuses on specific tasks, allowing students to develop specialized skills and explore different areas of robotics. New members receive a broad introduction before gravitating toward their areas of interest.

"We're looking forward to real solid team development," said John. "From what our team has learned this year, I am certain they're going to carry forward and grow, expand capabilities, and do great things along the way this coming season."

For more information about joining Team 695, please visit bhs.beachwoodschools.org/clubs-activities.

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This year's FIRST Robotics game, Crescendo, involved two competing alliances scoring points by collecting and placing "notes" in their speakers and amps. The game began with a 15-second autonomous period, followed by a driver-controlled phase. Teams aimed to amplify their speakers for higher points, cooperate with opponents for additional rewards, and race to deliver notes and harmonize onstage before time ran out. The alliance that earned the most points won the match.

Beachwood High School Reunions

BHS Class of 1974 50 Years

Saturday, Aug. 31
6:30 p.m.
Stonewater Golf Club
1 Club Dr. • Highland Heights

Please visit Class Creator and Facebook for details and updates, or email bhs.classof74@att.net



BHS Classes of 1964 and 1965 Combined Reunion 60 Years

Saturday, Sept. 14 6:30-11 p.m. Restaurant Europa 30519 Pinetree Rd. • Pepper Pike Dress is Party Casual \$65/Person • Cash Bar

All reservations and money are due no later than August 15.

Class of 1964:

Please make out and send your check to James Joseph 306 W. Edinburgh Dr. Highland Hts., OH 44143-3814

Class of 1965:

Please make out and send your check to Karen Zavell Kreinberg 23112 Greenlawn Ave. Beachwood, OH 44122

Questions, comments, or ideas? Call Sherry Miller Blackman at 216.534.0744 or Karen Zavell Kreinberg at 216.789.3282.

Beachwood Library Happenings

uyahoga County Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge, *Adventure Begins at Your Library*, continues through July 31. Register at your local branch or online at ccplsummerreading.org, then track your progress for a chance to earn great prizes. To view the full programming schedule and to register, visit https://cuyahogalibrary.org.

Tuesday Book Chat

Tuesday, July 9 • 7-8 p.m.
A discussion of The Whalebone
Theatre, by Joanna Quinn.
Registration not necessary.

Through the Eyes of the Artist – William Bouguereau

Friday, July 12 • 10-11 a.m.

Art historian Felicia Zavarella Stadelman presents on the life and works of French painter William Bouguereau. Register at https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/10290965.

Blood Drive

Saturday, July 13 • 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Donate blood today. For more information or to make an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call the American Red Cross at 800.RED.CROSS (800.733.2767).

Knit & Lit

Monday, July 15 • 6:30-8 p.m. Join us at the Beachwood branch for knitting and informal chats about what everyone is reading. Register at https://attend.cuyahogalibrary. org/event/10568776.

Author Marilyn Sanders Mobley

Tuesday, July 16 • 7-8 p.m.

Join us when author Marilyn Sanders Mobley visits to discuss her latest book, *Toni Morrison* and the Geopoetics of Place, Race, and Be/longing. Register at https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/10660392.

Third Wednesday Book Discussion

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Wednesday, July 17 • 2-3 p.m. A discussion of *We All Want Impossible Things*, by Catherine https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/10289228.

Wow Factor: 150 Years of Collecting Bold Clothes

Friday, July 19 • 2-3 p.m.

Explore Cleveland's fashions and trends through the vast costume collections at the Western Reserve Historical Society. Register at https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/10273381.

Operas & Fairy Tales/Literature

Tuesday, July 30 • 7-8 p.m.

Enjoy this program by the Cleveland Opera Theater and learn about the inspiration for these larger-than-life works of performance art. Register at https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/10273926.

Hemingway and Me: Personal Reflections in Honor of His 125th Birthday

Wednesday, July 31 • 7-8 p.m.

An anecdotal and entertaining overview of Hemingway's life and work, with Paula McLain, bestselling author of *The Paris Wife*. Register at https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/10467701.

Storytimes

Storytimes continue through July 31 then go on break during August.

- Preschool Storytime
 Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

 Ages 3-5, 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 a.m. 19-35 months, with caregiver

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.

Kindergarten Countdown

Tuesday, July 23 • 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: Off to School. Registered event.

Mini Therapy Horse Visit

Thursday, Aug. 1 • 3:30-4:30 p.m. Grades 1-6

Find joy and learn social skills by meeting a mini therapy horse from Fieldstone Farm. Registered event.

July StoryWalk® Beachwood City Park East

The StoryWalk for July is Explorers of the Wild, written and illustrated by Cale Atkinson. The story is about how a bear and a boy who both love exploring learn to share their adventures.

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

Odd Fellows to Open in Chagrin Falls

Name Change Reflects Values of Friendship, Love and Truth

evotees of the former Beachwood restaurant Moxie have reason to celebrate. Highly regarded restaurateurs Brad Friedlander and Michael Dubois are bringing their culinary experience to Odd Fellows restaurant in Chagrin Falls.

Odd Fellows will occupy the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) building at 16 North Main St.

I.O.O.F. is a fraternal organization that once existed in Chagrin Falls. As a group, the I.O.O.F. consisted of humble men who sought self-fulfillment. Their primary values were "friendship, love, and truth." The order itself gained its footing in the United States in 1819 and still exists today. The I.O.O.F. called Chagrin Falls home for about 100 years.

Occupying Aurelia – Honest Food and Drink's former space, the menu at Odd Fellows will reflect the seasonal and fresh recipes that Moxie was known for. Patrons can expect the same made-from-scratch, high-quality ingredients, and elevated quest experiences. The new restaurant will absorb Aurelia's staff and former Moxie employees will join the team.

Self-described odd fellows, Michael and Brad share decades of restaurant experience, a loyal following, and a strongly held belief that when you do the right thing, success will follow.

Brad states, "I opened Moxie in 1998 and it quickly emerged as a standout in the Cleveland culinary landscape. It was also named by Esquire Magazine as one of the best new restaurants in the country. Ever since its closure in 2019, patrons have continually asked about their favorite dish or recipe, and we will honor those favorites when we create new recipes for Odd Fellows."

"Partnering with Brad was an easy decision because we share a love of the restaurant business," added Michael. "Quality ingredients and superior service are first and foremost for both of us and we are committed to providing the same seasonal classics that patrons deserve."

Brad is a long-time pillar and supporter of the Cleveland and South Florida food scene. With restaurants Café Brio, Red, Moxie, Blu, Cut 151, Boca at Embassy Suites, Mom's Diner, and Rosso Italia, this awardwinning restaurateur has worked with many celebrated chefs, including Jonathan Bennett, Doug Katz, and Rick Bayless.



Odd Fellows, at 16 North Main St., in Chagrin Falls.

Michael has been embedded in the Northeast Ohio restaurant landscape for the past 13 years. He currently owns and operates Imperial Wok and Birdigo in Solon.

Odd Fellows, opening July 1, will offer 56 seats, with plans to add an outdoor patio and alfresco dining.

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