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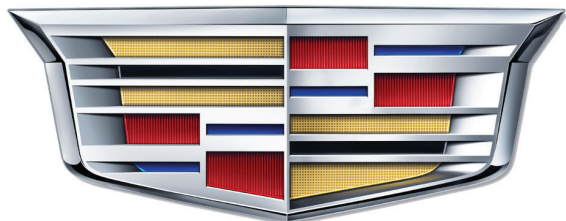


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Frustrated, But Not Silent: Speaking Up In a Divided Time

We overhear conversations at coffee shops, scroll through social media, tune into the news – and often share a collective sense of disbelief and frustration. Regardless of politics, religion, or background, many of us – myself included – feel worn down by growing division, antisemitism, and a general erosion of civility. In our community and beyond, it often feels like we're drifting further apart rather than coming together.

In everyday conversations, finding common ground can feel increasingly difficult, especially when others view the world through a different lens. With biased reporting and a constant stream of conflicting narratives, it's easy – even for the most thoughtful among us – to feel overwhelmed by the noise and distortion.

Overall, many of us share a deep concern: that hate, dysfunction, and policies against our beliefs are becoming part of the norm.

I didn't write this column to reinforce doom, gloom, or despair. Instead, I wrote it as a call for action – a reminder that acting and speaking out do matter. Individually, small acts

of understanding, dialogue, and courage can spark connection, and build momentum to repair what feels broken.

We don't need to agree on everything. We're not meant to. When we come together to denounce hate, to advocate for justice, and to remind one another that dignity and safety are not partisan issues, we make an impact.

This isn't about dividing us further. It's about drawing a line between what we can tolerate and what we refuse to accept. It's not about politics, it's about our personal values.

In our fractured world, community and unity matter more than ever. Let's work to build kindness by listening

deeply, speaking thoughtfully, and refusing to be silent in the face of hate or when policies are introduced that are against our beliefs.

On page 15, I published an article, with action steps, that addresses antisemitism and the importance of making our voices heard. Silence is not neutral – it's a form of surrender that gives hate and harmful policies room to grow. If we truly want change, we must speak out and take action. Here are some meaningful ways you can stand up for your values and make a difference:

- **Speak up, even when it's uncomfortable.** Call out antisemitism, racism, or misinformation when you see it.

- **Reach out.** Whether in a text, a letter, or a respectful conversation, your words matter.
- **Support organizations** that promote civil discourse, equity, and education.
- **Show up.** Attend local meetings, community events, rallies, or interfaith programs. Being present matters.
- **Vote.** It's the most direct way to shape policy and be heard.
- **Listen.** Sometimes, feeling heard starts with making space for others to feel the same.
- **No action is too small.** Our voices, together, are how change begins.

Speak Up. Stand Out. Be Heard

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." – Edmund Burke

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor." – Desmond Tutu

"Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty and truth and compassion against injustice and lying and greed." – William Faulkner

"Silence becomes cowardice when occasion demands speaking out the whole truth and acting accordingly." – Mahatma Gandhi

"There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest." – Elie Wiesel



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Cover Story:

2025 Beachwood Hometown Heroes



The Beachwood Historical Society and City of Beachwood are proud to recognize the 2025 Hometown Heroes who either live or work in Beachwood and make a positive impact on our community.

Full story, by Debby Zelman Rapoport, starts on page 7.
Photos by Scott Morrison, Discovery Photo.

Cover photos, top row: Dr. George Vourlojanis, Paula Rollins, and Mia Kovalsky.
Middle row: Dr. Joseph Baskin, Karen Berger Williams, Robb Ristau, and Ben Welsh.
Bottom row: Jim Nemeth, Rosemary Nemeth, and Nolan Majewski.

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Real Estate Statistical Update by Sharon Friedman



"While uncertainty remains in the overall market, Beachwood's strong seller's market has remained stable! The number of sold listings in May rose steeply in comparison to previous months; however, inventory has also been increasing since the start of the spring selling season. The average of sold-to-list prices over the past three months remained steady, at 99%. 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, the excellence of schools and community amenities, and a stable commercial tax base!"

— Sharon Friedman

Homes SOLD in Beachwood March 20, 2025 – June 11, 2025

Street	Days	List	Sold	LP/SP%	Bed	Bath	Built
E Silsby	171	\$ 305,000	\$ 280,000	92%	3	2	1951
Beacon	77	\$ 315,000	\$ 313,000	99%	5	3	1957
Belvoir	2	\$ 329,900	\$ 330,000	100%	3	3	1959
Brentwood	27	\$ 369,900	\$ 348,000	94%	4	3	1948
E Silsby	21	\$ 369,000	\$ 360,400	98%	3	3	1951
Edgehill	35	\$ 375,000	\$ 370,000	99%	6	3	1954
N Woodland	1	\$ 415,000	\$ 400,000	96%	3	3	1956
E Silsby	31	\$ 415,000	\$ 412,000	99%	3	2	1951
Halcyon	5	\$ 400,000	\$ 415,300	104%	4	3	1966
Campus	35	\$ 449,900	\$ 430,000	96%	4	4	1954
E Baintree	3	\$ 439,900	\$ 450,000	102%	4	5	1977
Fernwood	144	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	100%	4	2	1955
Edgehill	159	\$ 489,900	\$ 450,000	92%	4	2	1956
Dorset	209	\$ 475,000	\$ 465,000	98%	2	3	1987
Shaker	10	\$ 525,000	\$ 506,000	96%	4	3	1968
Greenwich	3	\$ 499,900	\$ 515,000	103%	3	2	1958
Wimbledon	13	\$ 524,900	\$ 515,000	98%	4	4	1964
Cardington	4	\$ 575,000	\$ 575,000	100%	4	3	1966
Belvoir	15	\$ 575,000	\$ 575,000	100%	4	4	1957
Halburton	18	\$ 645,000	\$ 650,000	101%	4	3	1978
Penshurst	19	\$ 695,000	\$ 685,000	99%	4	4	1959
Wendover	81	\$ 1,350,000	\$ 1,350,000	100%	6	6	1979
Bryden	2	\$ 1,389,900	\$ 1,400,000	101%	5	6	2022

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.

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JUST SOLD 5/25: 23423 E Baintree Road list \$439,900
SOLD 4/25: 25102 Wimbledon Road list \$524,900
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SOLD 2/25: 27500 Cedar Rd #809, Point East list \$649,000
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SOLD 12/24: 2141 Halcyon Road list \$419,900
SOLD 12/24: 23512 E Baintree Road list \$395,000
SOLD 12/24: 3272 Richmond in Baywood Estates list \$359,900
SOLD 10/24: 25053 Letchworth Road list \$645,000
SOLD 9/24: 24418 Hazelmere Road list \$399,900
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2025 Beachwood Hometown Heroes

2025 Beachwood Hometown Heroes from left: Lottie Gray (representing Dr. Joseph Baskin), Ptl. Nolan Majewski, Mia Kovalsky, Jim Nemeth, Rosemary Nemeth, Robb Ristau, Paula Rollins, Dr. George Vourlojianis, Karen Berger Williams, and Firefighter/EMT Ben Welsh. Photo by Scott Morrison, Discovery Photo.

The Beachwood Historical Society and City of Beachwood are proud to recognize the 2025 Hometown Heroes who either live or work in Beachwood and make a positive impact on our community.

On May 21, these individuals were recognized at City Hall, since the weather didn't cooperate for the event to be held at the Heroes Garden in Beachwood City Park West.

Rosemary Nemeth, president of the Beachwood Historical Society – and one of this year's heroes – along with Danielle Shoykhet, City Council member, described characteristics that make a true hero:

- A person who is admired by others.
- Someone who is devoted to their work.
- A person who is dedicated to helping others.
- Someone who displays courage, care, and concern.
- An individual who exhibits good qualities.
- A person who sets examples.
- A role model.
- Someone who does ordinary things in extraordinary ways.

Mayor Justin Berns then said, "I am honored on behalf of the City of Beachwood and City Council to welcome you to the 2025

Hometown Heroes Ceremony in the City of Beachwood. Tonight, we come together to recognize a remarkable group of individuals and celebrate our community's strength and character.

"A Hometown Hero is someone who inspires us through compassion and commitment. They are devoted to their work, and helping the community and those around them. They do ordinary things in extraordinary ways, and in doing so, they set an example that inspires us all.

"These heroes – our neighbors, colleagues, friends – embody the very best of Beachwood. They remind us that character is built not in self-serving actions but in everyday choices: to care, lead, and serve.

"I want to thank Rosemary and Jim Nemeth for their exceptional work with the Beachwood Historical Society. Their dedication and the Society's continued collaboration and partnership with the city help preserve our shared history and deepen the roots of our community spirit.

"Thank you for joining us tonight as we honor these Hometown Heroes who strive to make a positive impact on our community every day."

The 2025 Hometown Heroes were then introduced, followed by a reception to celebrate those who have stepped up to make Beachwood shine even brighter.

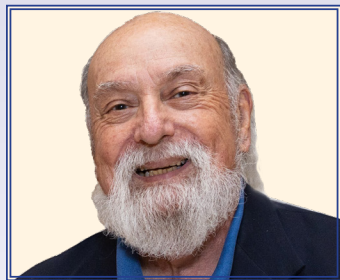
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Dr. George Vourlojianis

U.S. Army Veteran

Presented by Rosemary Nemeth



George, a lifelong resident of Beachwood, graduated from Beachwood High School in 1966. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from John Carroll University (JCU), where he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army upon graduation. His military service took him to Fort Hood, Texas, and later to Europe.

After completing his military service, George returned to JCU to earn a Master of Arts degree, then continued his academic journey by earning a Ph.D. in History from Kent State University. His scholarly focus is 19th-century U.S. history, specializing in the Civil War and the Slavery Controversy.

George went on to serve as senior historian and acting dean of Social Sciences at Lorain County Community College. After retiring, he returned to JCU in 1997 to teach U.S. Military History, a position he still holds. His dedication to teaching has earned him four teaching awards and induction into the JCU ROTC Hall of Fame.

Beyond his academic achievements, George remains an active supporter of veterans as a dedicated member of the American Legion. He also served on the Board of Trustees for the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, and as a trustee on the Lorain County Historical Society and Cleveland Grays Armory Museum.

Additionally, George has written two books that chronicle Ohio's military history, and he regularly leads tours of Gettysburg, sharing his deep knowledge and passion for American history. He continues to reside in Beachwood with his beloved wife, Sally.

Paula Rollins

Beachwood Arts Council, President

Presented by Mayor Justin Berns



For nearly 60 years, Paula has been a cornerstone of the Beachwood community. As a resident, volunteer, and leader, she has championed causes that support both the schools and the city.

Paula has led the Beachwood Arts Council as president and has coordinated

Beachwood High School's Gallery of Success since 2003. Her civic leadership spans decades, serving as Beachwood Schools PTA president for 10 years and participating on countless committees, including Beachwood Schools Foundation, Beachwood Citizens for Quality Schools, Beachwood Boosters, and Social Advocates for Youth. She also served on many scholarship, advisory, and staff search committees.

Paula, a founding member and trustee of the Beachwood Alumni Association and the Beachwood Historical Society, also assisted in many political campaigns, organized block parties, and

Mia Kovalsky

Beachwood City Schools, Special Ed Paraprofessional

Presented by Paul Chase, Beachwood High School Principal



Since 2011, Mia has been a devoted Special Education Paraprofessional with Beachwood City Schools, where she meets the educational, emotional, and medical needs of her students with care, consistency, and compassion. Affectionately nicknamed

"Poppins" by those around her, Mia brings a nurturing presence and joyful energy to everything she does—much like the beloved Mary Poppins herself.

Her warmth, expertise, and student-first mindset make her a deeply valued part of the school community. Whether supporting students in the classroom or offering encouragement in quieter moments, Mia's impact goes far beyond her daily responsibilities. She helps foster a culture of inclusiveness and respect, often lending her support wherever it's needed.

Mia also emphasizes the importance of teamwork. She speaks highly of her colleagues and the seamless collaboration across departments – from custodians and transportation staff to administration and the Board – all working together to ensure students are fully supported.

In addition to her work with the schools, Mia is employed by the City of Beachwood's Community Services Department, further reflecting her dedication to the well-being of others.

A true people person and everyday hero, Mia continues to touch countless lives with her kindness, heart, and unwavering commitment to her community.

a neighborhood reunion; and she continues to serve as the go-to contact for the Beachwood High School Class of '71.

In 2013, Paula was recognized as Beachwood Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year, a result of her past and present support of our schools and community.

Her accolades include Most Dedicated Parent to the Class of 2004, Golden Achievement Awards for public relations excellence in support of Beachwood levy campaigns, Spinney Awards for educational excellence, Commemorative Bricks recognizing her service to the Beachwood Schools Foundation and PTA, and The Crystal Apple Award for extraordinary dedication to the Beachwood School District.

Outside of her community work, Paula enjoys time with her husband, Mike; their children, Lauren and Gregg; daughter-in-law, Jill; and grandchildren, Miles, Ollie, and Logan. Her impact on Beachwood is lasting and heartfelt – a true legacy of love.

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a true legacy of love.*

Ptl. Nolan Majewski

Beachwood Police Department

Presented by Danielle Shoykhet, City Council Member



Nolan is a true hero. As first responders, police officers must act swiftly – and Nolan did just that. During a recent call for service, he immediately deployed an AED and, without hesitation, provided lifesaving care.

Thanks to Nolan's quick

actions and the prompt arrival of the Beachwood Fire Department, the male patient was stabilized and transported to the hospital. Medical staff later confirmed that the exceptional pre-hospital treatment Nolan provided was critical to saving this person's life.

Beachwood is incredibly fortunate to have first responders like Nolan on duty – ready to act when seconds matter most.

Nolan is married to Vanessa and is the proud father of two lovely daughters, Megan and Makenzie.

Firefighter/EMT Ben Welsh

Beachwood Fire Department

Presented by Steven Holtzman, Beachwood Fire Chief



Ben sets the standard for what it means to be a Beachwood firefighter. He brings extensive knowledge, a strong work ethic, and a consistently positive attitude, always leading by example and putting others first.

His dedication, professionalism, and heart shine through in everything he does. As a result,

he was named 2024 Firefighter of the Year prior to being named a Hometown Hero. Ben's unwavering commitment to the Beachwood Fire Department and the community he serves is evident. Beyond his daily responsibilities, he contributes as a SWAT medic, department mentor, Social Media Committee member, Union Executive Board member, and Interview Committee member – demonstrating leadership and a passion for growth and service at every level.

Ben is also a devoted family man. He and his wife, Alyssa, recently welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Liv.

Rosemary Nemeth

Beachwood Historical Society, President

Presented by Mayor Justin Berns



Rosemary is deeply passionate about promoting the city's rich and dynamic history by educating people of all ages. She delights in sharing the Beachwood Historical Society's collection of artifacts, and telling the stories of Beachwood's past and present. Having lived in Beachwood for more than

60 years, Rosemary remembers when the city was a quaint village dotted with farms, barns, and apple trees. Her mission is to honor Beachwood's journey – from its origins as Beechwood Village to today's vibrant city, widely recognized as one of the best places to live.

Her commitment to the community extends far beyond history. Rosemary has held numerous roles within the Beachwood Recreation Department and Community Services, including camp director, art and science teacher, lifeguard, synchronized swim instructor, and pickleball monitor.

As president of the Beachwood Historical Society, she leads efforts to celebrate the city and its residents by sponsoring events such as Hometown Heroes, Veterans Day ceremonies, and home and garden tours. She also created and supports the Beachwood Garden Club.

With more than 43 years of teaching experience, Rosemary also coordinates the Science Olympiad for Gesu and John Carroll University. Her passion for archaeology inspires her to lead annual "digs" for students and adults, deepening their connection to history.

Outside of her professional and volunteer work, Rosemary enjoys reading, gardening, and playing pickleball. Family, which includes her loving husband, Jim; daughter, Maria; and son-in-law, Andy, are at the heart of her life.

Dr. Joseph Baskin

Metro Health, Division Director of Correctional Medicine

Presented by Lottie Gray, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Mental Health Jail Liaison Specialist



Dr. Baskin, a forensic psychiatrist, grew up in Cleveland and returned to the area in 2010. His wife, Revital, a proud Beachwood High School graduate, class of '96, further anchors the Baskin family in the Beachwood community.

In 2019, while working at Cleveland Clinic and specializing in

suicide risk assessment, Dr. Baskin became increasingly concerned about the state of mental health care at the Cuyahoga County Jail. Following a series of inmate deaths and a federal investigation by the U.S. Marshals Service, MetroHealth assumed responsibility for the jail's healthcare services in April 2019 and Dr. Baskin reached out to join the effort.

He began working as a staff psychiatrist and was promoted to medical director in October 2020. The jail, a pre-trial detention facility housing up to 1,600 individuals, holds a large population struggling with untreated mental illness. Dr. Baskin and his team focus on identifying what he calls the "but for" population – individuals who might not be incarcerated but for their mental illness.

In close collaboration with the courts and Lottie Gray, the jail's mental health liaison, Dr. Baskin worked to ensure appropriate and humane outcomes for those in custody by diverting individuals to community mental health services, admitting them to hospitals, transferring them to prison (if convicted), or placing them at Northcoast Behavioral Health, the region's designated forensic psychiatric facility.

Dr. Baskin, a devoted husband, father of four, and pet parent to two dogs, shares a deep commitment to community and family. Additionally, he writes thriller novels, which are available on Amazon.

Robb Ristau

Beachwood City Schools, Science Teacher

Presented by Tony Srithai, Beachwood Middle School Principal



Robb is known for his infectious enthusiasm as a sixth grade science teacher at Beachwood Middle School. His classroom is a dynamic, welcoming space where curiosity thrives, questions are encouraged, and mistakes are embraced as vital steps in the learning process. Robb doesn't

just teach science – he teaches students how to think critically, grow confidently, and believe in themselves.

In addition to his impact on students, Robb plays a significant role in supporting and influencing fellow educators at the Middle School. His leadership and collaborative spirit contribute to a strong, positive school culture.

Beyond the classroom, Robb previously participated as a football coach, tennis coach, and Robotics Club advisor; and he is currently a Sixth Grade Team Leader. These positions reflect his dedication to nurturing well-rounded learners and future leaders. His deep subject knowledge, creative teaching methods, and heartfelt care for each student have made him a pillar of the school community.

With more than 22 years in the district, Robb is deeply grateful to be part of such a supportive and engaged environment – one that has allowed him to build lasting relationships with generations of Beachwood families. His kindness, patience, and passion for education continue to inspire both students and colleagues.

Robb lives in Shaker Heights with his wife, Kathy, and their son, Owen, and is proud to be part of the Beachwood community.

Jim Nemeth

Beachwood Historical Society, Volunteer

Presented by Derek Schroeder, Beachwood Community Services Director



Jim served as a database administrator at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland for 41 years. Throughout his career and beyond, he has been deeply committed to the Beachwood community, regularly assisting in coordinating events for the Beachwood Historical Society.

In recent years, Jim has contributed significantly to Beachwood's Watershed Committee and was instrumental in the grassroots effort that introduced pickleball to the city. As an avid pickleball enthusiast, he enjoys dinking and monitoring games year-round. He also helps organize the Beachwood Historical Society's annual Pickleball Tournament, where he takes joy in encouraging newcomers to join the court – serving, dinking, and always staying out of the kitchen!

Jim is a devoted husband to Rosemary and a loving father to Maria. Together with his daughter, he volunteers for the Gliding Stars skating program of Northeast Ohio, supporting skaters with disabilities. Always ready to lend a hand, Jim's dedication to both family and community makes him a valued and cherished member of Beachwood.

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Karen Berger Williams

Beachwood City Schools, Retired Intervention Specialist

Presented by Rosemary Nemeth



Karen, a proud alumna of Beachwood Schools, has been working with Beachwood children in recreation and education for more than 60 years. She started at age 13, working as a junior counselor at Fairmount Day Camp, followed by obtaining positions as senior counselor, director of

Hilltop Camp, and executive camp director, overseeing all of the Beachwood Day Camps. In total, Karen worked for the Beachwood Recreation Department (now Beachwood Community Services) for 24 consecutive years.

Seeking a fresh experience, Karen then graduated from the University of Tennessee and returned to Beachwood, where she built a 35-year teaching career as a special education intervention specialist, devoting herself to serving children with varied abilities. She referred to her students as "my kids" and would fiercely advocate for their educational needs, challenging them daily to be the best they could be.

During her tenure as a teacher, Karen became an educational leader, presenter, and consultant for other school districts, and received a number of awards and recognitions. In 2002, she received the Crystal Apple Award for teaching excellence.

For 35 years, Karen maintained the same passion she had at the start of her career for educating kids. She retired in 2008 and became a district substitute for an additional 12 years, until the start of COVID.

Though retired from the classroom, Karen's passion for helping children hasn't faded. Following the quarantine, she and her therapy dog, Rylie, a schnoodle, began serving the community she loves by volunteering in schools – because for Karen, it's all about connecting with the kids.

Karen has made a difference in the lives of many children and continues to do so – with 62 years of exemplary and dedicated service in the City of Beachwood. Service runs in her family, as Karen is the third family member to be named a Hometown Hero. She follows her late father, Irving Berger, a 2023 Hometown Hero, and brother, Alan Berger, who was honored in 2024.



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A good pickleball warm-up should include 5–10 minutes of light aerobic activity, such as brisk walking or jogging, to get your blood flowing. Follow this with dynamic stretches, like arm circles, leg swings, torso twists, and gentle lunges to loosen up your joints and muscles. Finish with a few practice swings and short-court rallies to ease into game-ready movement. This helps improve flexibility, prevent injuries, and gets you mentally and physically prepared to play!

Whether you're dinking with friends or diving for the win, pickleball is all fun and games—until your elbow, knee, or shoulder decides otherwise!

I'll be honest: I didn't see it coming.

One casual invite from a friend (thanks, Katie!), and I'm officially obsessed with playing pickleball. It's easy to learn, anyone can play, and it's a great way to laugh, compete, and de-stress all at once. What started as a fun social game has become part of my weekly routine—and let's just say I'm developing the paddle calluses to prove it!

As a physical therapist, I've also noticed something else: A lot of fellow players—from first-timers to die-hards—have limped off the court and into my clinic with what I like to call “pickleball problems.”

We're talking sore shoulders, cranky knees, tight calves, overworked tendons, and the dreaded “pickleball elbow” (yes, it's real—and no, it's not as fun as it sounds). Whether

you're sprinting for a drop shot or twisting for that tricky backhand, this sport can sneak up on your muscles and joints if you're not prepared.

But don't panic—or hang up your paddle just yet. At Balance Solutions Physical Therapy in Beachwood, we've helped dozens of players recover quickly and play smarter with a combination of:

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Pickleball: The Sport That Brings People Together ... and Occasionally Sends Them Limping Into Physical Therapy!



Pickleball may be low-impact, but it's high-reward – and like any sport, warming up before you play is key. Start with five minutes of light movement: walk the court, swing your arms, do some hip circles. Then stretch out your calves, hamstrings, hip adductors and shoulders. Trust me, your body will thank you.

Common Pickleball Injuries We See (More Than We'd Like To!)

Whether you're in it for fun or medals, here are the most common aches and sprains walking – or hobbling – through our clinic doors:

Lower Body:

- Achilles Tendon Strain/Rupture – from explosive movement or poor warm-up (tight calf muscles)
- Ankle Sprains – lateral moves and quick pivots are frequent culprits (poor footwear)
- Knee Injuries – including ligament strains, patellar tendonitis, and meniscus irritation

- Plantar Fasciitis – heel pain caused by repetitive impact and flat-footed play (poor footwear)

Upper Body:

- Pickleball Elbow (Lateral Epicondylitis) – from all those backhands (tight muscles)
- Rotator Cuff Strains/Shoulder Impingement – from overhead shots and overuse (strength)
- Wrist Strains – poor grip mechanics can lead to more than just a missed shot



Warm up & gently stretch before play

Core & Balance:

- Low Back Pain – from poor core strength or bending with the back, not the hips
- Hip Flexor Strains/Bursitis – common in those who lunge without stretching first

Sudden Falls:

- Wrist Fractures, Head Injuries, Bruising – often from reacting too fast (or not fast enough)

If you've muttered, "I'll walk it off," only to regret it three hours later, don't worry – you're in good company!

And if you're over 40 (like many of us!), keeping your balance sharp and your core strong will help you avoid those, "Oops, I fell in the kitchen!" moments. That's why we incorporate TRX, Pilates, balance, and stability work into our plans – it's the secret sauce to safer play.

So whether you're out there to win medals or just enjoy some laughs and lunges with neighbors, remember:

Stretch it before you wreck it and don't let a dink lead to disaster!



Pickleball is too much fun to miss out on because of an injury. If you're dealing with pain or just want to play without fear of flaring something up, let's talk.

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- By Kelly Beaudoin, MSPT, CEO & Owner of Balance Solutions Physical Therapy and Pickleball enthusiast!

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Beachwood Residents Respond to Hate With Kindness and Love

When Beachwood resident Mara Leventhal learned that a man had checked out 100 books from the Beachwood Library – titles representing Jewish, African American, and LGBTQ+ voices – only to burn them, she didn't stay silent. Instead, she stepped up with kindness and love, turning a hateful act into a powerful moment of community connection and resilience.

The act, widely condemned as a hate-fueled attack on diversity and inclusion, has sparked community outrage and prompted responses from local leaders and advocacy groups to condemn the incident, raise funds, and replenish books that were destroyed.

"Unfortunately, there are many upsetting things that we hear regularly," Mara said. "This hit me hard because the Beachwood Library is right in my backyard. We go to that library all the time. Plus, my mother is a retired librarian and I have a lot of respect for the profession."

"Libraries are one of the cornerstones of our democracy," she added. "Although it was devastating to have this kind of hate so close to home, we chose to respond with unity and love."

Mara, a 1997 Beachwood High School graduate, moved back to Beachwood in 2020 to raise her children in the same community where she grew up.

"When I saw the news, I wanted someone to do something, and then I realized that someone was me," Mara said. "It was great to thank the library workers and to model kindness and advocacy for my kids."

Mara designed an eye-catching invitation for a creative event where participants could take action by making signs, thank-you cards, and messages of support for our library staff. The event took place on Tuesday, May 20, from 4–5 p.m. at the pavilion in Beachwood City Park West. With help from social media,

School Board members Megan Walsh and Rini Ghosh, and the Beachwood PTO, the word quickly spread throughout our community.

The event drew mostly students, who wrote heartfelt messages, designed vibrant signs, decorated the pavement with chalk art, and enjoyed playing with bubbles. A Beachwood resident added fun with face painting, while an advocate gifted children a stack of hardcover banned books.

"This was the sweetest, nicest group of kids who had so many lovely ways to say thank you," Mara shared.

At 4:45 p.m., the group collected their art and walked to the library, through the park,

chanting messages of support, including, "We love our library," and, "What do we love? Books!"

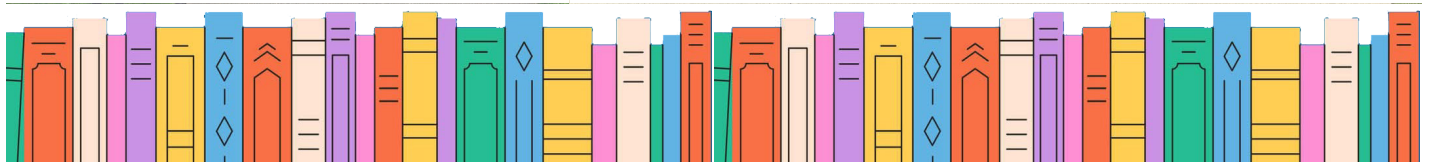
After dropping off the thank-you cards and signs, Amia Wheatly, Beachwood Branch manager, wrote a note to the group, saying, "Thank you again for your kindness and thoughtfulness in putting this together. It has brought the staff some smiles again. We are thankful for the community support!"

She also wrote that the children's staff would make a display from the artwork that was created.

"This event made my heart sing," Mara said. "When something like this happens, we don't have to sit home and feel bad. Instead, we can take action, model activism for kids, and have our voices heard."



City Council member Jillian DeLong, School Board President Megan Walsh, and School Board member Rini Ghosh.



A Call to Action: Stand Against Antisemitism

By Debby Zelman Rapoport

As antisemitism continues to rise in Cleveland, across Ohio, and around the world, Jewish leaders are urging community members – Jewish and non-Jewish alike – to act with urgency, unity, and intention.

Dan Zelman, my brother and outgoing board chair of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland, recently emphasized the importance of stepping up, speaking out, and standing together. “After October 7, it’s not enough to talk about it – we must act,” Dan said. “We know what silence leads to.”

Dan, along with other community leaders, urges individuals to support Jewish organizations and to directly contact local, state, and federal lawmakers to express concerns about security, antisemitism, and the need for continued support of the Jewish community.

“If you’re not already connected with your state legislators, now is the time to reach out – by text, email, and phone calls,” he said. Let them know how you feel. Tell them we need help and security grant money as we battle people who are against us.

“Every conversation helps. We all know people who aren’t Jewish. Although some conversations are hard, we have to speak up on social media or with friends who

think differently,” Dan added. “Everyone has the power to be part of this. Whether you give your time, your voice, your money – or all three – every act matters.”

“If you’re passionate about an issue, absolutely call or email your elected representatives because it truly does matter,” added State Rep. Eric Synenberg. “When we receive a lot of correspondence on a topic, it tells us what our constituents care about.

“Personal touches matter, too,” Eric added. “Don’t assume your elected officials are already aware of your viewpoint. There are countless matters being discussed every day and we want to be educated by the people we serve. When someone is both passionate and informed, it shows – and it helps.”

The following Cleveland-based organizations are on the front lines of this effort. Each offers tangible ways to get involved – whether through advocacy, donations, volunteerism, or education.

Jewish Federation of Cleveland
www.jewishcleveland.org
216.593-2900

Central hub, fundraiser, and security partner for the local Jewish community, driving impact through advocacy, education, and support at home and abroad.

Anti-Defamation League (ADL) – Cleveland
www.cleveland.adl.org
216.579.9600

Fights antisemitism and hate through education, legislation, and legal advocacy.

American Jewish Committee (AJC) – Cleveland
www.ajc.org/cleveland
216.781.6035

Supports global advocacy for Jewish communities and Israel; locally engaged with elected officials and allies.

Facing History and Ourselves – Cleveland Office
facinghistory.org
216.321.9220

Teaches students in inner-city schools about antisemitism, racism, and moral courage.

Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage
www.maltzmuseum.org
216.593.0575

Celebrates Jewish life and teaches about the dangers of hate through exhibitions and public programming. Maltz Museum’s current installation is *Lessons From The Tree of Life: Lighting the Path Forward*, which offers an intimate look at what happened during the 2018 Pittsburgh synagogue shooting, the community’s response, and the hope for the future.

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
www.ushmm.org
202.488.6591

Serves as America’s national memorial to the victims of the Holocaust, dedicated to preserving the memory of the Holocaust and promoting education to confront hatred and prevent genocide.



Contacting Legislators: Your Voice Matters

In Beachwood, we are represented by the following:

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U.S. Senator Bernie Moreno
<https://www.moreno.senate.gov/share-your-opinion/>

U.S. Senator Jon Husted
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U.S. Rep. Shontel Brown
<https://shontelbrown.house.gov/contact/>



Jeffrey J. Wild Named Chair of Jewish Federation of Cleveland's Board of Trustees

The Jewish Federation of Cleveland recently announced that Jeffrey J. Wild has been named board chair for the 2025-2028 term. Jeff, 52, is the firm administrative partner, chief strategy partner, an executive committee member, and chair of the real estate practice group at Benesch.

"Jeff is a dedicated and effective community leader who understands the strengths and needs of our diverse community," said Erika B. Rudin-Luria, president of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland. "We are thrilled that he will be leading our Board during this important period for the Jewish people."

Jeff has been actively involved in Cleveland's Jewish community for several years and an officer

of the Federation's Board of Trustees. His leadership roles include allocations committee chair, general campaign chair for the Federation's annual fundraising campaign (2018-2019), and most recently chairing the organization's \$180 million Jewish Day School Transformation initiative.

Jeff is a former president of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland and Fuchs Mizrahi School. He is also a board member of Jewish Federations of North America, and on the board of governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel. In service to the Greater Cleveland community, Jeff serves on the board of the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation and he is the past

chair of the board of directors of Cleveland Development Advisors, an affiliate of Greater Cleveland Partnership.

"Jewish Cleveland is a truly special place and it is an honor – and privilege – to serve in this capacity," said Jeff. "I look forward to working even more closely with our community, and the dedicated staff and volunteers at Federation to ensure Cleveland continues to be home to a thriving and growing Jewish community."

Jeff and his wife, Danielle, live in Beachwood and are members of Green Road Synagogue. He succeeds Daniel N. Zelman, who has served as Federation's board chair since June 21, 2022. The Federation's new slate of



Jeffrey J. Wild

officers also includes vice chairs Eric E. Bell, Ilana Isakov Katz, Sharon Rosenbaum, Elisabeth W. Sherman, and Jeffrey Weiss. Amir Jaffa will serve as treasurer and Jason A. Wuliger will serve as associate treasurer. Jeff and the new slate of Federation officers were elected at the Board of Trustees meeting on May 28.

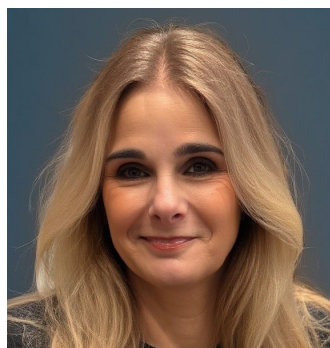
Jewish Federation of Cleveland Recognizes Women Leaders at Signature Event

On May 21, the Jewish Federation of Cleveland held its Women IN Philanthropy Signature Event, at which Elisabeth W. Sherman and Beverley Uria were honored. Elisabeth received the 2025 Ruby Bass Challenge Award and Beverley received the 2025 Lois Marcus Leadership Award.

The Ruby Bass Challenge Award recognizes a woman campaigner who is a dedicated volunteer in the Campaign for Jewish Needs, the community's annual fundraising campaign that supports the local and global Jewish community. Elisabeth currently serves as the chair of Federation's allocations committee. She is an incoming officer of Federation, a member of Federation's board of trustees, and serves on Jewish Federations of North America's (JFNA) National Women's Philanthropy Board. In her honor, the Ruby Bass

Challenge Endowment Fund will make a donation to the 2026 Campaign for Jewish Needs. This award was established in 2007 in memory of Ruby Bass by her son Jonathan, his wife Stephany, and Lenore Kessler, of blessed memory, Stephany's mother and a dear friend of Ruby's.

The Lois Marcus Leadership award recognizes a woman who has shown commitment to the Cleveland Jewish community through leadership and volunteerism. Beverley serves as a co-chair of Women IN Philanthropy's Pomegranate Society and is a member of Federation's development committee. She also served as co-chair of Friends of the Israel Defense Forces Ohio Chapter (FIDF) and on the board of the Cleveland Shabbos Project. The Lois Marcus Leadership



Elisabeth W. Sherman

Award was established in 2024 in memory of Lois Marcus by her family and honors her lifelong passion for Federation and Women IN Philanthropy. As recipient of this award, Beverley will be invited to join the Cleveland delegation to JFNA's International Lion of Judah Conference in January 2027.

"Elisabeth and Beverley exemplify the spirit of leadership, dedication, and compassion that drives our community forward," said Ilana Isakov Katz, Women



Beverley Uria

IN Philanthropy chair. "Their commitment to service and philanthropy is an inspiration to all who seek to build a stronger, more vibrant Jewish future."

In addition to the presentation of these awards, the Signature Event featured remarks by Noa Fay, a leading voice in combating antisemitism and current master's degree student at Columbia University, who has addressed the U.N., testified before the U.S. Senate, and advocates across media and academia.

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Now On View at Maltz Museum

Lessons From The Tree of Life: Lighting the Path Forward

An installation offering
an intimate look at what
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and the hope for the future.



Join us for upcoming programs

A Summer of Jewish Cinema: *Scarlet Street* (1945)

Wednesday, July 9, 6:30 pm

North America Holocaust Museum Tour with the Shul Boys (Cleveland) and Chai Riders (Detroit)

Sunday, July 20, 12:00 pm

Artist's Workshop: The Slow Art of Papercutting

Wednesday, July 23, 7:00 pm

Writing Workshop Full Circle: Stories in the Making

Wednesday, July 30, 6:00 pm

Lessons From The Tree of Life: Lighting the Path Forward. The Tree of Life's traveling installation is presented in partnership with the Rauh Jewish History Program & Archives at the Heinz History Center and with support from the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh and the Ford Foundation.

The Maltz Museum is supported by Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, and Jewish Federation of Cleveland.

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New Maltz Museum Installation Now On View

A new installation at the Maltz Museum, *Lessons from the Tree of Life: Lighting the Path Forward*, offers an intimate look at what happened during the synagogue shooting at the Tree of Life building on Oct. 27, 2018, the Pittsburgh community's response, and the hope for the future. The installation will be on view at the Maltz Museum through Aug. 3, 2025.

Lessons from The Tree of Life places the 2018 attack, which left 11 worshippers dead, in the context of American antisemitism. The installation features a selection of artifacts that highlight historic roots of antisemitism and a curated selection of objects from the more than 10,000 items that were left outside the Tree of Life building or mailed to Pittsburgh in the months after the attack.

Items on view as a part of the installation include gifts

from the Cleveland area, such as a collage made by students of afterschool programs at Trinity United Church of Christ in Wooster, a commemorative quilt, and a watercolor painting created by a member of Kol Halev, a reconstructionist Jewish congregation in Cleveland. Among the objects on display from the Pittsburgh community are a prayer book with bullet holes from the attack, and the now-viral drawing depicting the late Fred Rogers grieving the shooting.

Don't miss these upcoming programs at Maltz Museum:

A Summer of Jewish Cinema - *Scarlet Street* (1945)

Wednesday, July 9 • 6:30 p.m.

\$5 general admission

Join us for a screening of *Scarlet Street* (1945) starring Edward G. Robinson and Vladimir Sokoloff, cinematography by Milton Krasner, music by Hans Salter, directed by Fritz Lang, and produced by Walter Wanger. *Scarlet Street*, perhaps legendary director Fritz Lang's finest American film, is a dark gem of film noir and Golden-Age Hollywood filmmaking at its finest. When middle-aged milquetoast Chris Cross (Edward G. Robinson) rescues Kitty (Joan Bennett) from the rain slicked gutters of an eerily artificial backlot Greenwich Village, he plunges into a whirlpool of obsession, larceny, and revenge. The screening is hosted by Ygal Kaufman who will lead a brief discussion after the film.

North America Holocaust Museum Tour with the Shul Boys (Cleveland) and Chai Riders (Detroit)

Sunday, July 20 • 12-2:30 p.m.

Free to attend, registration requested

Enjoy an afternoon at the Maltz Museum when the North America Holocaust Museum Tour makes a stop in Greater Cleveland. This adventurous motorcycle tour takes members of the Jewish Motorcyclist Alliance (JMA) to 21 Holocaust Museums in the USA and Canada. The Chai Riders from Detroit and the Shul Boys from Cleveland will participate and present the Maltz Museum with the Circle of Chai Award during their visit. Executive Director Aaron Petersal will accept the award and share remarks. Visitors will enjoy free admission to the

museum, along with ice cream, music, and the chance to check out some amazing motorcycles.

Artist's Workshop:

The Slow Art of Papercutting

Wednesday, July 23 • 7-8:30 p.m.
\$10 General Admission,
\$5 Maltz Museum Members

Join artist Jennifer (Jenny) Kaplan to experiment with the slow and meditative art of papercutting. Work from a template to cut and collage a beautiful piece of art that will be ready for framing. No experience is necessary. Just come with an open mind and a little bit of patience. Jenny works in a variety of mediums, including metal, clay, fiber, glass, acrylic, pencil, gouache, ink, and paper. Inspired by Hebrew letter forms, sacred texts, and the concept of "Hiddur Mitzvah," which translates to the beautification of the commandments, she strives to create beauty and art from ancient traditions.

Writing Workshop – Full Circle:

Stories in the Making

Wednesday, July 30, 6-8:30 p.m.
\$10 General Admission
\$5 Maltz Museum Members

Part workshop, part open mic, this event celebrates the belief that everyone has a story to share. Participants place themselves at the heart of their life journeys, using narrative to foster understanding and connection across diverse perspectives. Everyone will tell a true story inspired by the evening's prompt about remembrance, resilience, hope, and memory, or just come to enjoy the evening!

Co-hosted by Wandering Aesthetics and the Maltz Museum, this event is open to the community. Language and content of stories should be no stronger than PG-13. Stories don't have to be long – they can be as short as 30 seconds – and can range from heart-wrenching to hysterical (and everywhere in-between). No experience necessary.



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- **Tours**, including museums, gardens, and artist studios
- **Sunday Sounds Concert Series**, offering a diverse selection of musical performances
- **Annual art shows**, including the juried regional high school student show and the Beachwood K-12 show
- **Special events**, featuring visual, musical, performing, and culinary arts
- **Hands-on projects**, where participants create the art, such as glassblowing and silk scarf painting

Additionally, BAC gives back to the community by granting The Si and Shirley Wachsberger Arts

Scholarship Award each year. The recipient is a regional high school senior who will pursue his or her artistic dream in college. Please consider donating to this very worthwhile fund.

We hope you will join us and help support our efforts to showcase the arts in Beachwood and neighboring communities. We welcome members anytime during the year; however, **our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.** For complete information and to become a member, please visit beachwoodartscouncil.org to join with PayPal, or send your name, address, email, phone, and check (payable to Beachwood Arts Council) to 25225 Fairmount Blvd., Beachwood, OH 44122.

In doing so, you will join others who believe that supporting BAC is both worthwhile and gratifying. Additionally, if you would like to be a sponsor (minimum \$250), please contact Tobi Mattes, sponsorship chair, at 216.765.8031.

One of BAC's ongoing fundraisers is the sale of Art Cards, a pack of 16 blank note cards designed by Beachwood residents. Each pack costs only \$10. Please call the phone number below to indicate your interest in purchasing the cards, an additional way to show support for the arts.

BAC membership and participation are open to all residents of Northeast Ohio. Please visit our Facebook page at Beachwood Arts Council

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A Bad Budget for Public Education

By State Senator Kent Smith

Budgets are strategic investments. The transportation budget builds roads and bridges. The capital budget funds public spaces like parks, museums, etc. The general operating budget invests in people through education, healthcare, and public services.

As a former public school board member and a member of the Ohio Senate Education Committee, I need to say, the current state budget includes the worst collection of state policies regarding public education that I can remember.

The Fair School Funding Plan (as described in the Ohio Children's Budget) provided a predictable student-centered formula that was based on how much it actually costs to educate a child **and** how much a local community can afford to contribute toward those costs. Because of that, the Fair School Funding Plan has had broad bipartisan support in the last

two general assemblies. This budget underfunds Ohio public schools by 2.75 billion.

Looking at the Policy Matters Ohio analysis of how this budget will impact the public school systems throughout my senate district, **all** of them will receive less support from the state of Ohio when compared to what they should receive from a fully implemented Fair School Funding Plan.

This is bad because about 88% of Ohio children go to the public schools and, according to the Thomas Fordham Institute, over 800,000 (or over 50%) of Ohio public school kids are economically disadvantaged.

It's bad enough for legislatures to break their promise and not fund the formula, but this budget then makes it much more difficult for local communities to fix the problem that Columbus will create.

Other anti-public education policies include:

- A phony refund scheme so that schools with a cash balance above 50% of annual expenses would be forced to provide refunds.
- A requirement that local school boards now will need a super majority to put a levy on the ballot rather than a simple majority

- Elimination of several types of local levies that communities rely on to keep their schools running.

Quiet frankly, it looks to me like the Ohio Senate is trying to put public education out of business. This may be why no Democrat, in either chamber, voted for the budget – something that had not happened since 2001.

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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Nonnas

By Jennifer Stern

The movie *Nonnas* was emotionally satisfying. Family, food, connection – three of my favorite things! This movie felt like a warm hug. It is full of heart with meaningful reminders about the importance of family, sharing meals, and appreciating the ordinary moments that become core memories and family legacy.

Watching *Nonnas* brought back so many memories of the love I felt sitting at my grandmother's (Mom Mom's) small round table with green plastic placemats, eating her brisket, meatball soup, carrots for good eyesight, and, of course, her special coconut cake!

Mom Mom's meals were love. I felt so special, safe, adored, and cared for as we ate, laughed, and simply enjoyed being together. Pop would thank Mom Mom for another great meal, clear the table, and begin the dishes as she would go into the dining room breakfront and bring to the

table a Cadbury chocolate bar, held by rubber bands, so that my brother, Jamey, and I could each have one square of special chocolate. It amazed me how long she made those special chocolate bars last – savoring only one square at a time. *Nonnas* brought back so many wonderful memories of ordinary and special meals shared.

Enoteca Maria is a restaurant on Staten Island that hires nonnas (grandmothers) as chefs – each with her own family recipes prepared with love and nostalgia. Joe Scaravella opened this special restaurant in 2007 as a tribute

to his mother and nonna, and his lifetime of core memories watching them prepare their family recipes and the delicious meals that followed. When his mother died, Joe felt homesick for his family meals – the delicious foods of his childhood, prepared with love, that were shared with family and friends.

This heartwarming movie, based on the true story of Enoteca Maria, is a poignant reminder to slow down, to sit and share meals with those you love, and to build a larger table so that others can join in creating a sense of family long after family is gone.

The family recipes, each with their own history, and the community built around those recipes are reminders that there is more that joins than divides us if we come together in compassion. One poignant scene in the movie is when the nonnas share how they feel forgotten, invisible, and no longer important. As they come together to prepare their sacred recipes for the patrons of Enoteca Maria, they begin to feel a sense of purpose, meaning, and connection – a sense of family once again.

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Our Community is Our Campus

This article is the fourth in a series celebrating JFSA's 150-year legacy.

JFSA's 150-year history is not only one of service – but of movement. From our beginnings assisting Jewish immigrants downtown in the late 19th century, to establishing a presence in Glenville, then Kinsman, and eventually to the eastern suburbs, JFSA has always followed the heartbeat of the Jewish community.

Each move wasn't just geographic – it was a reflection of our commitment to meeting people where they are. Today, while our headquarters may be in Pepper Pike, our true home has always been the neighborhoods, homes, and gathering places where individuals and families turn to us for care. That's why we say "our community is our campus"

- **1875:** The first meetings took place at the private home of Dr. James Horwitz in Cleveland and subsequently operations were conducted from a home on Case Avenue.
- **1904:** A move to Woodland Avenue included the opening of a free medical dispensary in one of the most congested areas in the city.
- **1911:** Operations moved to a larger space, a donated home located on East 40th Street and named the Isaac Glauber Memorial Home.
- **1925:** Offices moved to 507 Huron Rd. and Sixth Street.
- **1945:** The first suburban family social work office opened at Lee and Cedar Roads in response to the community's gradual move east, away from the city center.
- **1955:** JFSA relocated to South Taylor Road in Cleveland Heights for easier client access.
- **1980:** JFSA added a satellite office in Woodmere as Jewish families moved farther east.
- **1990:** The Drost Family Center in Beachwood opened to accommodate continued expansion of services.
- **2017:** JFSA moved its current headquarters to Pepper Pike.

Today, JFSA serves diverse populations across eastern Cuyahoga County, western Geauga and Portage Counties, and Summit County, offering a range of integrated services through Jewish Family Services of Akron, the Cleveland Chesed Center, the Hebrew Shelter Home, and the Kindness Center – home to PLAN, Horvitz YouthAbility, Adult Day Support, and JFSA's Memory Cafe. Additionally, JFSA operates over 50 residential homes for adults with mental illness and developmental disabilities throughout Northeast Ohio.

Cherish the moments that shaped your childhood.



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The Mayor's Message Leading The Way

Dear Beachwood Residents,

As we enjoy the summer months, I want to reflect on the extraordinary momentum our city continues to build. Beachwood's leadership takes great pride in being recognized not only as a leading community in Northeast Ohio, but also as a model of excellence across the entire state. We are upholding our reputation as one of the region's most vibrant and progressive cities — and expanding that legacy through thoughtful innovation, strategic investment, and leadership.

I'm proud to begin by celebrating a remarkable achievement by our Economic Development Director, Cathy Biertman. Cathy was recently named the 2025 Team NEO Regional Economic Development Champion, a prestigious honor recognizing her outstanding leadership and Beachwood's innovative economic development efforts. Selected from a competitive field of professionals spanning 14 counties, Cathy has led transformative work in attracting top-tier businesses, including Millennium Control Systems and MasterBrand Cabinets.

Her strategic use of tools and partnerships has positioned Beachwood as a model for smart, sustainable growth. As Cathy mentioned during her acceptance speech, "This award isn't just about one person — it reflects the shared vision and commitment of our city, residents, and business leaders working together to shape a prosperous future."

Public safety remains a cornerstone of our community's success, and I want to congratulate Beachwood Police Chief Dan Grispingo on his graduation from the FBI National Academy. This elite 10-week leadership program is one of the highest honors in law enforcement training, and it speaks volumes about Chief Grispingo's commitment to excellence and service. His participation will further enhance our department's capabilities, promote innovative policing strategies, and ensure Beachwood remains one of the safest cities in the region.

Another exciting development is the launch of Ohio's first solar-powered streetlight pilot program — right here in Beachwood. Installed along Beachwood Boulevard and Ranch Road,

these solar SmartLights are more than just an infrastructure upgrade. They reflect our commitment to sustainability, energy efficiency, and responsiveness to community feedback. With

nearly 70% of residents supporting improved street lighting, this project delivers modern technology that improves nighttime visibility and aligns with our long-term environmental goals. The majority of the program's cost was funded through a NOPEC grant, allowing us to implement this pilot program responsibly.

And finally, we're strategically preparing for Beachwood's future. Earlier this year, the city acquired nearly 43 acres of prime, development-ready land in the Chagrin Highlands area. This \$3.01 million investment — made entirely through the City's Capital Projects Fund without raising taxes — represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to attract new businesses, revitalize Commerce Park, and strengthen our local economy. It's a strategic move that will drive job creation, enhance our tax base, and ensure Beachwood remains a business hub for years to come.

Each of these accomplishments — from Cathy's regional recognition to Chief Grispingo's national training, from pioneering green infrastructure to smart land acquisition — emphasizes a fundamental point: **Beachwood is leading the way.** We are planning with purpose, investing with care, and looking forward.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are building a future worthy of our community's promise.

Sincerely,



Mayor Justin Berns

MayorBerns@beachwoodohio.com



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Police Chief Dan Grispingo Graduates from the Prestigious FBI National Academy

The City of Beachwood is proud to announce that Police Chief Dan Grispingo has graduated from the FBI National Academy—an elite and highly selective 10-week leadership program designed for top-tier law enforcement professionals. Chief Grispingo's successful completion of this training marks a significant milestone in his law enforcement career, highlighting his commitment to excellence in public service.

Held at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, the National Academy is one of the highest honors in law enforcement training. It brings together up to 250 law enforcement leaders from across the United States and over 160 international partner nations to promote advanced training, global cooperation, and professional development. Candidates are nominated based on stringent qualifications, including leadership ability, physical fitness, professional integrity, and a proven dedication to public safety.

Throughout the 10-week program, Chief Grispingo underwent comprehensive instruction in areas such as law, behavioral science, officer wellness, communication, health and fitness, and leadership. The course culminated in the challenging "Yellow Brick Road"—a grueling 6.1-mile obstacle run symbolizing the physical and mental demands placed on today's law enforcement leaders.

Reflecting on the experience, Chief Grispingo said, "The training I received will directly benefit our department and the community we serve. I am committed to implementing these proven strategies to strengthen and enhance our services to meet current and future challenges. This ensures Beachwood will remain one of the safest and most forward-thinking cities in Ohio."

This achievement reflects Chief Grispingo's dedication to professional growth and his commitment to leading the Beachwood Police Department with vision, integrity, and innovation.

Chief Grispingo (right) receiving congratulations from an FBI National Academy Instructor following the challenging "Yellow Brick Road" course as a culmination of the training program.



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.

Legislative Update

May 19, 2025

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 these areas.

View Live & Recorded City Council Meetings



Scan the QR code with your mobile device or visit our website at BeachwoodOhio.com/WatchMeetings.

Community Engagement: City Council is moving forward to expanding access to the Beachwood Community Center room rentals for civic groups. Eligible nonprofit organizations serving Beachwood or based in the city can now reserve rooms Tuesday through Thursday evenings at no cost. This proactive legislation has been placed on second reading to anticipate reduced space availability during the new Beachwood Library project, ensuring continued access for community meetings and events.

Infrastructure Improvements: City Council approved the bid for the 2025 Road Program to be completed by Tri-Mor Corporation. This project includes resurfacing and the replacement of curbs and aprons for the following streets:

- E. Baintree Road (Cedarview Drive to Halcyon Road)
- E. Silsby Road (Beachwood Boulevard to Halcyon Road)
- E. Groveland Road (Lyndway Road to Halcyon Road)
- E. Groveland Road (Green Road to Beachwood Boulevard)
- Shaker Boulevard (Large Area Resurfacing)

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
July 14 at 7:00 p.m.
Aug. 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
July 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Architectural Board of Review:
July 7 at 4:30 p.m.
July 21 at 4:30 p.m.

Work - Live - Learn - Thrive

City Embraces Sustainability and Innovation with New Electric Police Vehicles

The Beachwood Police Department is moving toward a more sustainable and innovative future with the recent addition of two electric bicycles and the department's first fully electric patrol vehicle. These new tools reflect a forward-thinking approach to policing while supporting environmental responsibility.

The newly acquired electric vehicle, a Ford Mach-E, will be assigned to the department's Traffic Unit and used during special events. Its selection followed extensive research into successful electric vehicle deployments in law enforcement agencies nationwide. While other police departments in Cuyahoga County operate electric vehicles such as Teslas, Beachwood's Mach-E is the first of its kind in the area, chosen specifically for its rigorous law enforcement testing. The vehicle is expected to be delivered in the next few months.

"Beachwood continues to lead the way in sustainability and innovation," said Mayor Justin Berns. "Investing in electric police vehicles not only supports our environmental strategy but also enhances the efficiency of our public safety operations."

Electric vehicles offer a variety of benefits that align with the department's strategic goals. Traditional police vehicles experience significant wear and tear due to extended periods of idling and demanding use, resulting in high maintenance needs. Electric vehicles (EVs), with fewer moving parts, regenerative braking, and no need for oil changes, offer a solution with lower long-term maintenance costs. The Mach-E also enables the department to reduce its carbon footprint, aligning with the

efforts of many environmentally conscious Beachwood residents. "One of the goals in our strategic plan is to be innovative in our approach to policing," said Police Chief Dan Grispino. "These electric vehicles represent our commitment to thoughtful, future-focused decision-making that benefits both our department and the community."

Complementing the Mach-E are two electric bicycles that will enhance mobility and community presence, especially in areas less accessible by car. Officers assigned to these e-bikes will undergo specialized training, including a 40-hour basic police bike operators' course and a two-hour session tailored to electric bike operation. The e-bikes were funded through forfeiture funds.

As these electric vehicles are integrated into law enforcement operations, the city will closely evaluate their performance, with an option to expand the fleet if they prove effective.



Officer Matthew Shane and Officer Erik Marti utilizing the new electric bikes.

HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION:

Regular rubbish collection will **not** be impacted by Independence Day on Friday, July 4. However, there will be no availability for special pick-ups on July 4. Residents are asked to plan accordingly.

Sgt. Page Brings Joy to Local Birthday Party



Sgt. Matt Page providing lasting birthday memories.

Police work isn't always about emergencies, public safety, and enforcement. Sometimes, it's about a smile, a simple gesture, and showing up when it matters most — even if it's just to say hello. That spirit was on full display recently when Beachwood Police Sgt. Matt Page made an impromptu stop that left a lasting impression.

While patrolling a neighborhood on a recent Saturday evening, Sgt. Page noticed a 7th birthday party in full swing and decided to stop by. What followed was a moment of community connection. He spent time with the children, chatting and engaging with them in a friendly and approachable manner. His unexpected visit delighted not only the birthday girl and her guests but also the appreciative parents.

"Sgt. Page made an already memorable birthday even more memorable," one parent shared. "The kids and the parents loved the impromptu visit. It's a reminder that public safety is not just about response — it's about relationships."

Kudos to Sgt. Page for going above and beyond his duties and demonstrating the meaningful impact of community engagement.

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Special Rubbish and Recycling Pick-Up Guidelines

Beachwood Public Works offers special pick-up services to residents as a courtesy. To keep operations efficient and cost-effective, please follow these guidelines:

Request Only When Needed

Only request a special pick-up if your trash or recycling bins are full. Exceptions (like upcoming travel) are understandable—use your best judgment.

Same-Day Requests by 12:00 p.m.

Once items are at the curb, call Public Works before noon (Monday–Friday) for same-day service. Important: Do not place items out without scheduling a pick-up. Setting out items before 6:00 PM the night before your scheduled pick-up is a violation of Ordinance 660.21.

Need More Bins?

If you regularly need special pickups, consider purchasing extra containers: Trash Cans, \$80; Recycling Cans, \$70. Order by phone with Visa or MasterCard. Delivery is included.

Contractor Waste

Contractors are responsible for disposing of their own debris. Please ensure they handle cleanup after any work is completed.

Regular Pick-Up Tips

To avoid missed collections, place trash and recycling between 6:00 p.m. the night before and 7:30 a.m. on pick-up day. Collection times vary, so setting items out within this window is key.

Thank you for helping keep Beachwood clean and running smoothly!

Deer Management Survey Results

Thank you to all Beachwood residents who participated in this year's Deer Management Survey. Your input is vital as we explore the best ways to address our growing deer population. The City of Beachwood has partnered with the City of Shaker Heights on this issue, and over the past three years, our program has removed 230 deer and donated over 9,000 pounds of venison—providing more than 3,500 meals to those in need. This year, we are also evaluating surgical sterilization, a non-lethal option that may complement our ongoing management efforts.

To view the survey results and learn more about both management strategies, please visit the city's website using the QR code below or BeachwoodOhio.com/DeerManagement.





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July Recreation Guide



TEEN Night *at the Courts*

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Wednesday,
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6:00-8:00 PM

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6-8 PM at Beachwood Community Center

Registration Required:
17 Years & Under - \$2/person
Adults (18-59 years) - \$5/person
60 Years & Better - \$2/person

Register: BeachwoodRec.com
Registration closes one week prior to Bingo Night. Please sign up in advance.

STATEMENT
NAIL & WAX LOUNGE

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT:

Showing: *Dog Man* | Sunday, July 13, 5:00 p.m. | Beachwood High School
Superhero night! Free admission. Bring your own chairs and blankets. Snacks available for purchase.

Yoga & Tai-Chi in the Park

Get moving with the Beachwood Historical Society this July!
We're taking fitness outdoors with free yoga and tai chi classes
at the Beachwood City Park West pavilion — open to everyone
in the community.



Start your weekend strong
with yoga led by Julie Konrad
every Saturday in July at 10:00
a.m. Or find your flow with tai
chi guided by Jen Stepien on
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Whether you're a total
beginner or a fitness pro, all
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NON-RESIDENT GUESTS \$8

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NAIL & WAX LOUNGE

Inaugural Senior Picnic, August 20

There's an exciting new addition coming to the Beachwood event lineup this summer! The Community Services Department will host its first Senior Picnic & 50-Year Resident Celebration on Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 11:30 a.m. inside the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center.



The event promises food, fun, and entertainment under the pavilion and overhang areas of the aquatic center, providing plenty of shade and seating. As part of the festivities, the City of Beachwood will continue its tradition of honoring the newest 50-year residents with special recognition and a commemorative gift.

Residents may register for \$7 per person; non-residents are \$10. We challenge you to invite a friend — or maybe two! Sign up online at BeachwoodRec.com, call 216.292.1970, or stop by City Hall. No swimming available that day.

50-Year Residents: Have you called Beachwood home for 50 years? We want to recognize you! If you haven't previously been honored as a 50-year resident, please contact Jayme Jirousek, Senior Adult Manager, at 216.292.1911 to add your name to the list.

Sponsorship Opportunity: Are you a local business looking to connect with area seniors? Sponsorship opportunities for this new event are available. Email jirousek@beachwoodohio.com to learn more.

Specialty Youth Camps

- **The World, Science, and You**
Monday-Friday, July 21-July 25
Grades K-5, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.,
Beachwood Community Center
Residents \$375, Non-Residents \$450
- **Soccer & STEAM Camp**
Session I: Monday-Friday July 28-Aug. 1
Session II: Monday-Friday, Aug. 4-Aug. 8
Grades K-3, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Fairmount Early Childhood Center
Residents \$400, Non-Residents \$480
- **Create A Puppet & Puppet Show Camp**
Session I: Monday-Friday July 28-Aug. 1
Session II: Monday-Friday, Aug. 4-Aug. 8
Ages 7-12, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Beachwood Community Center
Residents \$240, Non-Residents \$288
- **Game Design with Classroom Antics**
Monday-Friday, July 28-Aug. 1
Ages 10-14, 1:00p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Beachwood Middle School
Residents & Non-Residents \$265



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7.01 **SUBLINERS**
Jazz-Rock Fusion Band

7.08 **ELVIS WONDER SHOW**
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7.15 **NITEBRIDGE**
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7.22 **TAKING OFF MONDAY**
Ultimate Pop Punk Experience

7.29 **POP MACHINE**
Chart Topping Hits

6:30-8 PM, Beachwood Family Aquatic Center





Beachwood Seniors

- **Bingo Bonanza**
Monday, July 14, 1:00 p.m., Community Center
Join us for a friendly and fun game of bingo for seniors! Enjoy the excitement, win prizes, and connect with friends. Residents are \$5, non-residents are \$6. Register today.
- **August Meet & Eat - Murder Mystery Lunch**
Thursday, Aug. 21, Noon, Community Center
Step into the center ring for a circus-inspired murder mystery lunch! Can you uncover the killer among us? Meal choices include a kosher hot dog, hamburger, or veggie burger. Reserve your spot by Aug. 14.

July Meet & Eat

Laughter, Creativity, and Fun
Thursday, July 17, Noon, Community Center
Residents \$13, Non-Residents \$16, Program Only \$5
Register by July 10.

Get ready to laugh and learn with this entertaining stand-up comedy workshop! Dave Schwensen will share insider tips, techniques, and behind-the-scenes secrets from his comedy workshops. Whether you're a comedy fan or just looking for a unique experience, this is sure to bring plenty of laughs.

Meal choices include falafel or gyro; your choice of lemon tahini sauce, a yogurt dill sauce, hummus and baba ganoush and a small pita cut in half. All entrees are served with a green salad, beverage, and a dessert.

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Primrose School Grand Opening

The Primrose School of Beachwood, located at 23825 Commerce Park, has officially opened, offering high-quality early childhood education to local families through its exclusive Balanced Learning curriculum, which combines play with guided instruction for children aged 6 weeks to 5 years.

Owned and operated by Jai & Divya Singh and Ramneek Singh & Inder Kour—two families who were first drawn to Primrose as parents seeking the best for their children—the school emphasizes both academic and character development. Their shared vision and personal experiences have now culminated in bringing trusted, research-informed education to the Beachwood community.



The ribbon cutting for Primrose School located at 23825 Commerce Park.

GEICO Expands in Beachwood with New Corporate Hub

GEICO is deepening its roots in the Midwest with the opening of a new corporate office in Beachwood, Ohio, marking a significant step in the company's continued national expansion. Located in the Landmark Center, the 6,300-square-foot space is designed to increase support for GEICO's operations nationwide.

As a key subsidiary of Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway and a leading name in the auto insurance industry, GEICO's decision to establish a presence in Beachwood highlights its strategy to tap into regional talent and invest in high-potential markets. The Beachwood office will serve as a hub for business functions, reflecting the company's commitment to long-term growth.



The move is part of GEICO's broader efforts to strengthen its footprint, which also includes the establishment of a new corporate hub in Chicago. However, the Beachwood expansion primarily reflects the company's confidence in the strong economic climate of Beachwood and the broader Northeast Ohio region.

Beachwood's Targeted Marketing Attracts New Business Investments

Attracting businesses requires more than just advertising available space—it takes strategic marketing and long-term relationship building. The City of Beachwood's Economic Development Office is doing just that by promoting the city's strengths: a skilled workforce, available sites, and a strong potential for growth.

The city's targeted approach focuses on delivering consistent, strategic messaging to carefully selected markets. Instead of seeking immediate results, we're focused on building trust over time through real success stories and customized marketing that showcases why Beachwood is a premier location for innovation and industry.

Summer interns have played a key role by researching and mapping out valuable connections and industries in these target areas. In partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, we're also strengthening networks and industry clusters to align with emerging market demands.

These efforts are starting to pay off. With new land development opportunities on the horizon, Beachwood is staying ahead of market trends and is fully prepared to welcome future business investment.



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2025 Pals In Motion Fundraiser to Support People With Parkinson's Disease

The ninth annual Pals In Motion event to support the InMotion® wellness community for people with Parkinson's will be on Sunday, Sept. 14, at Beachwood High School.

The 2025 event is presented by Solon-based Sensical, Inc., and includes a 5K run/walk, 1-mile family walk, obstacle course, and 100-yard dash relay. Music and art activities for kids and families will be returning this year.

Pals In Motion welcomes more than 1,000 participants annually. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors and donors, the 2024 event raised more than \$619,000. Funds raised by Pals In Motion make it possible for InMotion® to provide holistic wellness programs at no cost to people with Parkinson's disease and their families.

Pals In Motion is also supported through in-kind community partner donations from the City of Beachwood, Beachwood City Schools, Beachwood Police Department, University Hospitals Emergency Medical Services, and the Cleveland Water Department.

"We're thrilled to bring Pals In Motion back to Beachwood High School for a fourth year," said Cathe Schwartz, CEO of InMotion®. "There's nothing like seeing the stadium come alive with walkers and runners who share our passion and purpose. As our biggest fundraiser of the year, Pals In Motion makes it possible for us to continue offering life-changing programs – completely free of charge to the people we serve."

"The continued success of Pals In Motion is only possible because of the generosity and dedication of our community," said Patricia Inglis, president of InMotion's Board of Directors. "Thanks to our sponsors, donors, and supporters, we're able to provide critical wellness programs for people with Parkinson's disease – programs that wouldn't exist without this incredible backing."

Registration for Pals In Motion is open at www.palsinmotion.org for anyone who wishes to attend or support InMotion®. Early-bird registration fees are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children 13 and under. Fees increase by \$5 on Aug. 16.

Registrants are encouraged to recruit other participants and help raise funds by sharing information about the event and about InMotion® with family and friends through social media or other outreach. Details about fundraising are on the event website.

About InMotion

InMotion® leads the way in offering community-based wellness for people with Parkinson's disease, providing healing arts, physical wellness, education, support, and symptom-specific programs to help our clients feel better every day. We serve clients at our Beachwood, Ohio, location and

remotely via Zoom. As a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, we rely on generous donors to offer our programs at no cost to our clients. Learn more at www.beinmotion.org.

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Celebrating One Year of the Beachwood Playground: A Hub of Community and Connection

This summer marks the first anniversary of the Beachwood Playground – a space that has quickly become a beloved destination for residents, guests, and visitors of all ages. Since its grand opening last May, the playground has become more than just a place to play – it's become a community hub where families gather, friendships are formed, and memories are made.

The playground has drawn widespread attention, earning praise in outlets such as *Cleveland Magazine*, *CLE with Kids*, *Fox 8 News*, *Axios*, and *Northeast Ohio Parent* for its innovative design, accessibility, and inclusive features. This regional recognition highlights what locals

already know: Beachwood's commitment to creating safe, welcoming spaces continues to set the standard.

Over the past year, the city has also used the playground as a venue to strengthen

community bonds. From the inaugural Cookout with Cops, which brought together families and first responders for food and fun, to playground pop-up events designed to encourage connection among neighbors,

the space has proven its value as a cornerstone of civic engagement.

As we celebrate this milestone, the City of Beachwood remains committed to building on this momentum, creating even more opportunities for joy, connection, and community right in the heart of our neighborhood.



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BEACHWOOD

Class of 2025



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Academic Recognitions

Magna Cum Laude

Henrik Burda, Shreya Chellu, Alexander Eisengart, Isaac Gorodeski, Chengyu Li, Elizabeth Liu, Radha Pareek, Sophia Yan, Kevin Zhang, Amy Zhou

National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists

Eden Cohen, Radha Pareek, Amy Zhou

National Merit Scholarship Commended Students

Jessie Gao, Max Jacobs, Chengyu Li, Elizabeth Liu, Sophia Yan, Kevin Zhang

College Board National Recognition Program

DeShaun Williams

Honors Diplomas

Ori Balkan, Kyle Bennett, Eden Bergman, Henrik Burda, Sumeet Chakravarti, Shreya Chellu, Eden Cohen, Kelsey Cohen, Alexander Eisengart, Oren Gabay, Jessie Gao, Isaac Gorodeski, Raghav Iyer, Maxwell Jacobs, Ezrin Katz Saltzman, Grant Keilin, Jaya Korah, Elijah Kriwinsky, Anastasiia Lebedeva, Molly Lewis, Chengyu Li, Elizabeth Liu, Vihaan Madhavan, Lilly Margolis, Erika Marquardt, Madeleine Mehler, Taia Menefee, Radha Pareek, Arpith Prasad, Griffin Preisler, Joshua Rosenblitt, Ana Sofia Shlachter, Jacob Tannenbaum, Evan Tew, Desmond Thatcher, Jacob Thomas, Matthew Uvlin, Dirck Van Tassel, Emma Wang, Aaliyah White, DeShaun Williams, Rachel Wolf, Hannah Yakubov, Sophia Yan, Kevin Zhang, Amy Zhou

National Honors Society Seniors

Golda Aschkenasy, Kyle Bennett, Eden Bergman, Henrik Burda, Sumeet Chakravarti, Shreya Chellu, Kelsey Cohen, Alexander Eisengart, Jessie Gao, Isaac Gorodeski, Maxwell Jacobs, Michael Karas, Ezrin Katz Saltzman, Grant Keilin, Jaya Korah, Elijah Kriwinsky, Molly Lewis, Chengyu Li, Elizabeth Liu, Lilly Margolis, Erika Marquardt, Madeleine Mehler, Taia Menefee, Radha Pareek, Arpith Prasad, Griffin Preisler, Joshua Rosenblitt, Merris Shellenberger, Jacob Tannenbaum, Londyn Travis, Dirck Van Tassel, Emma Wang, Rachel Wolf, Hannah Yakubov, Sophia Yan, Kevin Zhang, Amy Zhou

National Technical Honors Society

Golda Aschkenasy, Sumeet Chakravarti, Shreya Chellu, Kelsey Cohen, Alexander Eisengart, Raghav Iyer, Morgan Jackson, Ezrin Katz Saltzman, Elizabeth Liu, Erika Marquardt, Radha Pareek, Griffin Preisler, Ezrin Saltzman, Adeline Wohl

M.A.C. Scholars Inductees

Sydney Anderson, Taylor Greer-Jones, Taia Menefee, Tyra Rogers-Moore, Junae Simmons, Londyn Travis, Nicholas Reese

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.

★ U.S. Presidential Scholar ★

Semi-Finalist for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

Recipient: Chengyu Li

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. Each year, up to 161 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

Foundation Scholarships by High School Department

Career and Technical Education



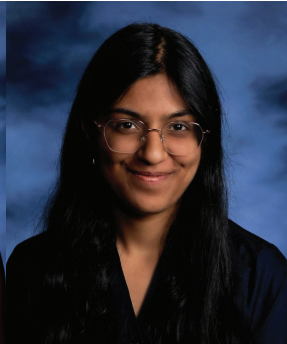
Chloe Bernstein

English



Taia Menefee

Mathematics and Social Studies



Radha Pareek

Performing Arts



Noah Isaacson

Science



Kevin Zhang

Technology



Lilly Margolis

Visual Arts



Chengyu Li

World Language



Alexander Eisengart



The Beachwood Schools Foundation

Scholarships and Awards



Sydney Anderson



Golda Aschkenasy



Kyle Bennett



Chloe Bernstein



Randall Brown



Henrik Burda



Kelsey Cohen



Shreya Chellu



Alexander Eisengart



Jessie Gao



Rachel Kantarovich



Michael Karas



Ezrin Katz Saltzman



Grant Keilin



Elijah Kriwinsky



Chengyu Li



Elizabeth Liu



Samantha Lewin



Erika Marquardt



Taia Menefee



Nicholas Reese



Josh Rosenblitt



Londyn Travis



Levi Turell



Eliana Worku



Sophia Yan



Kevin Zhang



Amy Zhou

Every year the Foundation manages more than two dozen funds awarding nearly \$40,000 to deserving Beachwood High School seniors.

These are the recipients from the Beachwood High School Class of 2025

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: Londyn Travis

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

The Vera Arlen Scholarship

Recipient: Erika Marquardt

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: Amy Zhou

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: Levi Turell

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: Taylor Tarleton

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

Recipients: Ezrin Katz Saltzman, Grant Keilin

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

The Beachwood Boosters Athletic Achievement Award

Recipients: Golda Aschkenasy, Henrik Burda

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

The Dave and Janice Bloom Scholarship

Recipients: Golda Aschkenasy, Josh Rosenblitt

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: Sophia Yan

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: Nicholas Reese

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: Eliana Worku

The Fred and Carla Crosby Scholarship was established in 2017 and created in memory of Fred & 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: Kevin Zhang

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: *Sydney Anderson, Kyle Bennett*

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: *Alexander Eisengart*

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: *Elijah Kriwinsky, Erika Marquardt*

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

The Ginny Kline Future Educator Scholarship

Recipients: *Chloe Bernstein, Randall Brown, Jessie Gao*

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

The Joan Lobert Scholarship

Recipients: *Shreya Chellu, Taia Menefee*

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 political science, government, and/or public service.

The Jay Shlachter Art Award

Recipient: *Rachel Kantarovich*

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 Steven Mark Wasserman Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: *Chengyu Li*

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

The Dakota "Cody" Weiner Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: *Elijah Kriwinsky*

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

The Weisenberg Family Scholarship

Recipient: *Michael Karas*

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: *Samantha Lewin*

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

The White & Gold For Bison Pride Scholarship

Recipient: *Kelsey Cohen*

The White & 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

Recipient: *Sophia Yan*

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: visionary thinking, entrepreneurial spirit, and/or dedication to life-long learning. It was established in 2004 by Kate and Paul Williams.

The Dr. Jerry S. and Gail R. Wolkoff Civic Award

Recipient: *Elizabeth Liu*

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

Recognition of Enlistment in the Military

United States Navy
Jonathan Klein

..... *Community Scholarships*

Barbara Nancy Holstein Memorial Award

Recipient: Merris Shellenberger

Synthomer Foundation Scholarship

Recipient: Shyia Johnson

Medical Mutual Scholarship

Recipient: Taia Menefee

Parker Hannifin Scholarship

Recipient: Jaya Korah

Friends of The Beachwood Library Scholarship

Recipients:

First Place - Taia Menefee

Second Place - Samantha Lewin

Third Place - Sophia Yan

Michael Friedman's Buckeye Auto Lease Scholarship

Recipient: Johnathon Owens

Beachwood Band and Drill Team Boosters

Recipient: Eden Cohen

Beachwood Federation of Teachers Scholarship

Recipient: Kelsey Cohen

Beachwood PTO Scholarships

Recipients: Shreya Chellu, Chengyu Li, Radha Pareek, Eliana Worku, Amy Zhou.

Keith Bankhead Memorial Award

Recipient: Nicholas Reese

Wendell David Haynes Memorial Award

Recipient: Eliana Worku

AVI Foodsystems Scholarship

Recipient: Rachel Kantarovich

..... *Awards*

Randy S. Boroff Bison Award

Recipients: Madison Gray, Jaycob Zabell

Gail Brewster JCWA Award

Recipient: Amy Zhou

Outstanding Contribution to the Beachcomber

Recipients: Shreya Chellu and Taia Menefee

Outstanding Service to the Introspect

Recipient: Radha Pareek

Outstanding Orchestra Leadership

Recipients: Sydney Anderson, Shreya Chellu, Rachael Fishman, Noah Isaacson

Outstanding Orchestra Service

Recipient: Vihaan Madhavan

Student Council Spirit Award

Recipient: Shreya Chellu

American Invitational Mathematics Exam

Recipient: Jiahe Liu (Grade 11)

Cleveland Technical Society - Senior

Recipient: Elizabeth Liu

OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest Orchestra Students, Received a Superior Rating

Recipients: Sydney Anderson, Ori Blakan, Shreya Chellu, Cay'Lee Colson, Rachael Fishman, Noah Isaacson, Elizabeth Liu, Elan Shcherbakov, Sophia Yan

OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest Band Students

Recipients: Eden Cohen, Sumeet Chakravarti, Jessie Gao, Noah Isaacson, Michael Karas, Arpith Prasad, Griffin Preisler

Orchestra Director Award

Recipient: Elizabeth Liu

Outstanding Orchestra Senior

Recipient: Elan Shcherbakov

Outstanding Band Member

Recipient: Eden Cohen

Friends of Beachwood Orchestra Scholarship

Recipients:

First Place - Rachael Fishman

Second Place - Sophia Yan

Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence

Recipient: Jessie Gao

Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award

Recipients: Kelsey Cohen and Joshua Rosenblitt

Ohio High School Athletic Association Courageous Student Award

Recipients: Lexi Jaffe and Johnathon Owens

Ohio High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete Award

Recipients: Shreya Chellu and Kevin Zhang

Ohio High School Athletic Association Award Of Excellence

Recipients: Golda Aschkenasy and Grant Keilin

Chagrin Valley Conference Sportsmanship Award

Recipients: Joshua Rosenblitt and Londyn Travis

Ohio High School Athletic Association Award for Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity

Recipients: Kyle Bennett and Londyn Travis

Princeton Book Award

Recipient: Taia Menefee

BEACHWOOD

Class of

Sydney Marie Anderson Bowling Green State University

Golda Aschkenasy The Ohio State University

Ori Balkan Ohio University

Avner Moshe Baskin University of Wisconsin - Madison

Kyle Alexander Bennett Clemson University

Eden Hailey Bergman Tulane University

Chloe Alyssa Bernstein Bowling Green State University

Alexander James Bravo University of Miami

Randall Ann Brown Lake Erie College

Henrik Samia Burda Georgia Institute of Technology

Sumeet Chakravarti The Ohio State University

Shreya Chellu Northeastern University

Eden Haïm Cohen Kenyon College

Kelsey Brooke Cohen The Ohio State University

Cay'Lee Emily Colson University of Cincinnati

Ari Cooper Gap Year

Mariah Joyce Cox The Ohio State University

Mikael J. Edwards Work/Apprenticeship

Alexander Scott Eisengart Emory University

Rachael Fishman Cleveland State University

Oren Aviv Gabay Ohio University

Jessie Gao The Ohio State University

Nikolay Geube Kansas State University

Daniel Solomon Gilad University of Cincinnati

Isaac Henry Gorodeski The Ohio State University

Madison Nicole Gray Bowling Green State University

Taylor Marie Greer-Jones University of Cincinnati

Ethan Mark Harmer Utah State University

Sophia Nicole Herron DePaul University

Noah D. Isaacson University of Cincinnati

Raghav Iyer The Ohio State University

Maxwell Jacobs The Ohio State University

Lexi Jaffe University of Cincinnati

Shyia Janae Johnson John Carroll University

Rachel Marissa Kantarovich The Ohio State University - Mansfield

Maurice Kaplan Gap Year

Michael Gabriel Karas Ohio University

Elizabeth J. Katz SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Ezrin Ellie Katz Saltzman University of Rochester

Grant Matthew Keilin The Ohio State University

Jonathan Zev Klein United States Navy

Jaya Marie Korah Marquette University

Elijah Louis Kriwinsky Ohio University

Jude Landes Gap Year

Anastasiia Lebedeva University of Cincinnati

Samantha Danielle Lewin DePaul University

Molly Susan Ada Lewis The Ohio State University

Chengyu Li Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Elizabeth Liu Columbia University (SEAS)

Jack Joseph Lovinger Undecided

Vihaan Madhavan Hiram College

Lilly Margolis The Ohio State University

2025

SENIOR DECISIONS



Erika Marquardt Savannah College of Art and Design

Saige Monae' McNeal Bowling Green State University

Madeleine Mehler University of Wisconsin - Madison

Taia Mekayla Menefee Yale University

Osita Ogor University of Cincinnati

Gavin J. Osborne Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics

Johnathon Nicholas Owens Capital University

Ethan Samuel Papcum The Ohio State University

Radha Pareek The Ohio State University

Summer Marie Paul Cleveland State University

London Victoria Peters University of Cincinnati

Arpith Prasad The Ohio State University

Griffin Preisler Boston University

Amore Raheem Work/Apprenticeship

Nicholas Jay Reese Kent State University

Tyra Nicole Rogers-Moore University of Cincinnati

Joshua Dylan Rosenblitt Oakland University

Avi Meyer Saidel University of Cincinnati

Loai Saleh Cuyahoga Community College

Elan Shcherbakov University of Cincinnati

Mia Shcherbakov University of Cincinnati

Merris Hope Shellenberger Hawai'i Pacific University

Ana Sofia Garcia Shlachter Rutgers University

Juac Simmons Cuyahoga Community College

Junae Simmons Undecided

Hannah Miriam Smith The Ohio State University - Newark

Jaylen William Maurice Spikes Cuyahoga Community College

Talia Steinberg Bar Ilan University - Tel Aviv

Jacob Tannenbaum University of Cincinnati

De'Andre Taylor Culinary School

Evan Andrew Tew The Ohio State University

Desmond Josef Thatcher The Ohio State University - Mansfield

Jacob Paul Thomas The Ohio State University

Londyn Gabrielle Travis Ohio University

Levi Simon Turell University of Cincinnati

Matthew Aaron Uvlin The Ohio State University

Dirck Van Tassel The Ohio State University

Lillian Avital Vidmar-McEwen Ohio University

Emma Wang The Ohio State University

Aaliyah White Howard University

Caleb Damaer White Bowling Green State University

DeShaun Lee Williams The Ohio State University

Rachel Danielle Wolf University of Cincinnati

Eliana Worku University of Pittsburgh

Tamarion Wright Undecided

Hannah Yakubov The Ohio State University

Sophia Yan Northwestern University

Jaycob Zabell University of Cincinnati

Kevin Zhang University of Pennsylvania

Amy Zixuan Zhou Augusta University/Medical College of Georgia Accelerated BS/MD Program

Czyrah Mae Cruz Zuñiga University of Cincinnati

Find Your Voice Now

Beachwood organization that has empowered over 1,500 women worldwide to break free from toxic relationships will host a charity pickleball tournament on Aug. 24.

Find Your Voice Now, co-founded by Beachwood resident Annie Roth and Mary Ellen Bartlett, is a nonprofit organization committed to helping women break free from personal and/or professional toxic relationships. The organization empowers women to reclaim their voice and restore their inner strength. With this powerful network of members, the organization provides direct support, tools, and community to women who are regaining their confidence and building healthier futures.

With their growth, Find Your Voice Now stands as a beacon of strength and solidarity for women around the world.

Founded on the belief that every woman deserves to feel safe, respected, and heard, Find Your Voice Now serves as a vital bridge between women in crisis and the help they need. The organization partners with women's shelters, mental health organizations, and licensed mental-health professionals to help connect them to the valuable resources available for positive change.

"We've created more than a nonprofit – we've built a global sisterhood," said Annie. "We're proud to be part of a growing consortium for women's health, where collaboration drives change and real recovery."

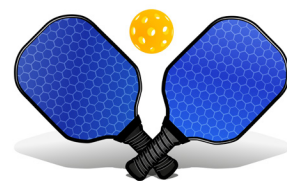
Upcoming Fundraiser: Pickleball for a Purpose

To support the organization's life-changing work, Find Your Voice Now will host Pickleball for Charity, a pickleball tournament on Sunday, Aug. 24, at Highland Heights Community Park. This family-friendly event will bring together players, sponsors, and community advocates for a day of fun, awareness, and fundraising.

Proceeds will directly fund the organization's outreach, curriculum development, support resources, and expansion of global partnerships.

To become a sponsor, to register, or for more information, visit www.findyourvoicenow.org.

Questions? Contact Annie at annie@findyourvoicenow.org or 440.591.8422.



Holi Festival Bursts In Color

Holi, the vibrant Hindu spring festival celebrated across India and around the world, lit up Beachwood High School on April 27 with color, joy, and unity. Rooted in the universal spirit of brotherhood, Holi symbolizes the triumph of good over evil and celebrates friendship, peace, harmony, and an appreciation for nature in full bloom.

This spirited celebration encouraged participants to joyfully place color on one another – a gesture of goodwill and friendship – and share sweets in a festive show of togetherness.

As guests of all ages and cultures arrived, they were treated to a mouthwatering spread featuring samosas (crispy potato-filled pastries), chili green pepper paneer (spiced ricotta cheese), mango lassi (a sweet yogurt drink), and gulab jamun (a syrupy dessert beloved across India).

After a warm welcome from BHS junior Srishti Ithychanda and seventh grader Laya Viswanath, the celebration burst to life. Dressed in traditional attire, participants' joyful faces soon became vibrant canvases as clouds of colorful gulab (powder) filled the air.

Upbeat Indian music pulsed through the air, energizing the afternoon and sparking spontaneous dancing. The infectious rhythms drew in revelers of all backgrounds, uniting everyone in a joyful, shared celebration.

Special thanks to the Beachwood Schools administration, Board of Education, and Beachwood PTO for supporting the Indian American Family Affinity Group in bringing the message of peace, love, and community to life through this unforgettable Holi celebration.



Friends reflecting the essence of Holi, from left: Ronak Seth, Raaya Chakraborty, Kedar Viswanath, Pooja Narayanan, Laya Viswanath, Mira Iyer, and Medha Iyer; Srishti Ithychanda and Laya Viswanath provide a warm welcome; Aarysh Chakraborty enjoys the celebration; and Srijan Ithychanda is ready to play with gulab with his friends.

The Gathering Place Kicks Off 25th Anniversary With \$360K Raised at Race for the Place

Under sunny skies and filled with community spirit, The Gathering Place welcomed more than 2,700 people to Race for the Place, its signature fundraising event held at Beachwood Place on National Cancer Survivors Day. This annual tradition brought together cancer survivors, families, caregivers, and supporters for a day of remembrance, resilience, and renewal.

The event raised more than \$360,000, with donations continuing to come in toward the organization's \$415,000 goal. Proceeds support The Gathering Place's free programs and services – including nutrition and exercise classes, art and music programming, support groups, and educational programs for children, teens, adults, and families coping with the impact of cancer.

"Participants often tell us, 'The hospital saved my life – The Gathering Place saved my soul,'" said Michele Seyranian, CEO of The Gathering Place. "Race Day is a special opportunity to honor those we've walked beside on their cancer journeys.

"We're deeply grateful to our sponsors and this incredible community," she added. "Without their generosity and engagement, none of this would be possible."

A Community United in Hope

The morning began with a moment of silence to honor past participants who are no longer with us and a Survivor Ceremony, honoring individuals across all stages of survivorship – from less than a year to more than 20 years. Participants then took part in a 5K run and 1-mile walk, followed by a heartwarming gathering in Celebration Village.

This year's Race also marked the official kickoff of The Gathering Place's 25th anniversary, celebrating a quarter-century of compassionate, free support for those impacted by cancer.

"As we mark 25 years of The Gathering Place, I'm reminded that while hospitals treat the body, we



help heal the soul," said Michele. "Race for the Place is a powerful reminder that no one should face cancer alone – and thanks to this community, they don't."

Real Voices: Alice's Story

One of the most inspiring moments of the day came from Alice Santurri, a 10-year metastatic breast cancer survivor and active participant in The Gathering Place's Metastatic Group and Dragon Boat team.

"I'm a wife, mother, aunt, sister, daughter ... and I have metastatic breast cancer. I say it in that order because I have cancer, but it doesn't have me. I come first before cancer!

"I was diagnosed de novo in 2015. While the average survival is under three years, I'm still here – 10 years later. The Gathering Place has given me hope, support, resources, and friends. I wouldn't be thriving if it weren't for this place."

Celebration Village: A Space for All

After the Race, participants enjoyed Celebration Village – a joyful and inclusive space filled with food trucks, balloon artists, face painting, and a community mural led by the Cleveland Museum of Art's Studio Go. A



Top: And the 25th Annual Race for the Place begins!
Bottom: Ten-year survivor Alice Santurri, with other 10-19 year survivors, shares her story of hope, support, resources, and friends.

Remembrance Activity invited guests to plant forget-me-nots in honor of loved ones lost to cancer.

"Whether you've been with us for one day or 25 years," Michele shared, "today is a celebration of what's possible when people come together with love, compassion, and a mission that truly matters."

Sponsors and Ongoing Support

Lead sponsors for this year's Race included: Parker Hannifin, Benesch, Dworken & Bernstein, Swagelok, Ancora, Bolton Pratt, Case Western Reserve University Case Comprehensive Cancer Center, NovaCare Rehabilitation, Peoples

Bank, Reserve Management Group, and SITE Centers.

The community can continue to support The Gathering Place through the end of June by donating at racefortheplace.org.

The Celebration Continues

The 25th anniversary celebration continues throughout the year, culminating in a special anniversary gala on April 18, 2026, at the InterContinental Hotel Cleveland.

If you would like to help The Gathering Place achieve its goal of \$415,000, please visit racefortheplace.org to make a donation.

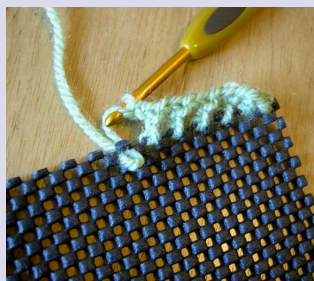
Yarn Over Beachwood

Participants of Yarn Over Beachwood knit, crochet, and loom items for different organizations and charities throughout Northeast Ohio. The group shares ideas, patterns, projects, websites, links to patterns, and more. Meetings are held the first Friday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Beachwood Library. Upcoming meetings are August 1 and September 5.

Participants create varied projects, including hats, scarves, bunnies, bears, lapghans, soap sacks, and more. Winter items are needed and yarn donations are always welcome.

For more information or to donate yarn, contact Iris November at 216.375.9111 or lbartyclub@gmail.com.

Warm thanks to everyone who attends our meetings, donates items, and/or donates yarn and accessories. All of your efforts make a difference!



Crocheted Jar Opener

A new, easy, fun item to make is a crocheted jar opener, which provides a non-slip grip for opening jars. To make one, you'll need yarn, a crochet hook, and a shelf-liner material, cut into potholder-sized squares. Start in one corner and single crochet around the square, double crochet, or get as fancy as you'd like!

Hard Work + Teamwork = State Success for Science Olympiad Team



The Beachwood High School Science Olympiad team recently concluded a successful season with an impressive fourth place finish at the state tournament that was held at The Ohio State University.

The team delivered strong performances throughout the season leading up to the state tournament, showcasing hard work and teamwork across a wide range of events. The achievements of this year's team were the result of months of preparation and team collaboration.

"We had frequent practices and I received updates from each team member about their progress, challenges, and any supply needs," said Science Olympiad coach Rakhee Banerjee. "Most of these students plan to pursue science in the future, so these achievements give them an opportunity to enhance their knowledge. I am extremely proud to coach this team."

This year, the Science Olympiad program introduced a new challenge called Material Science. This event was unfamiliar to the students and Coach Banerjee, but they met the new event head on. Through research and countless hours of preparation, the team learned about this new challenge and placed first in the state.

"Earning first place in Material Science was one of our most exciting memories of the season," Coach Banerjee said. "Watching the students go onstage to receive awards is extremely satisfying for me as a coach."

The team also had five other top-five finishes in events at the state tournament,

including second place in Bungee Drop, third place in Codebusters, fourth place in Air Trajectory and Anatomy and Physiology, and fifth place in Astronomy.

Coach Banerjee emphasized that the team will use this season's success to continue improving and reaching new goals next year. With strong student motivation, the future of Beachwood's Science Olympiad program looks extremely bright.



Front row: Antoni Hinczewski, Srishti Ithychanda, Eva Zheng, Ida Chang, Sarah Zhou, and Amy Zhou.

Back row: Dr. Rakhee Banerjee (coach), Annaya Jain, Anna Tonyushkin, Sophia Yan (captain), Junbo Wang, Henrik Burda (captain), Tony Zheng (captain), Nimisha Kasliwal, Leo Wang, and Joseph Mo.

Not pictured: Aaron Zheng, Clarence Ouyang, Keshav Coimbatore, Charan Selvam, Alice Han, So Eun Kang, Lyndia Zheng, Sophia Wang, Josh Korah, Simona Zbynova, and Arynne Chang.

Moments That Matter

Mental Health Awareness Month

By Ananya Rao



Around the world, nations strive to address the mental health needs of their people. In the Netherlands, general practitioners work with mental health professionals to identify mental health issues. In France, there are ambulatory centers everywhere that provide mental health care to those in need.

In the United States, we have doctors who help diagnose a person with mental illnesses and work with mental health professionals – in addition to having centers dedicated to helping with mental illnesses.

The U.S. also dedicates July as Mental Health Awareness Month, with an emphasis on mental health challenges that racial and ethnic minority groups face.

Mental Health Awareness Month was created in 2008 to commemorate the work of Bebe Moore Campbell, an activist

and author who advocated for mental health in minority groups, specifically Black, Indigenous, and people of color. Most notably, Bebe co-founded the National Alliance on Mental Illnesses (NAMI), along with Harriet Shetler and Beverly Young.

NAMI is an organization dedicated to breaking the stigma around mental illness and removing barriers that prevent minority communities from accessing treatment and financial support.

What began as Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month has grown into National Mental Health Awareness Month, supported by NAMI.

NAMI Greater Cleveland offers a variety of education programs to support the diverse needs of our community. Each program provides a safe, confidential space where individuals can share experiences,

gain support, and learn from others facing similar challenges:

- **Family-to-Family:** A free, Eight-session course for family members, partners, and friends of individuals living with mental health conditions. It provides information on mental health diagnoses, treatment, communication strategies, and self-care tools.
- **Peer-to-Peer:** A free, eight-session course for adults living with a mental health condition. Taught by trained peers, it covers recovery principles, coping strategies, and personal goal setting in a supportive, inclusive environment.
- **Homefront:** A six-session program for family, friends, and caregivers of military service members and veterans experiencing mental health challenges. It addresses the unique needs of military

families and offers practical information and support.

All programs are led by trained facilitators who are grounded in empathy, empowerment, and education. If you or someone you know is facing symptoms of mental illnesses, please contact:

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
800.273.8255

FrontLine Service Mobile Crisis Unit:
216.623.6888

United Way 2-1-1 Help Center:
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From the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce

Upcoming Events

Beachwood Chamber Luncheon
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Wednesday Aug. 20
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Hecks' Cafe
3355 Richmond Rd

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Save the Date!
Spirit of Success Awards
Wednesday, Dec. 3
Cleveland Marriott East
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The History Book Club meets virtually every six weeks and is open to all. New members are always welcome!

Tuesday, July 15 • 7 p.m.
Love, Queenie: Merle Oberon, Hollywood's First South Asian Star, by Mayukh Sen

Tuesday, Aug. 26 • 7 p.m.
Opus: The Cult of Dark Money, Human Trafficking and Right-Wing Conspiracy Inside the Catholic Church, by Gareth Gore

For the Zoom link and to be put on the email list, contact Margaret Reardon at margaretreardon22@gmail.com or 216.272.4277.

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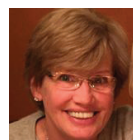


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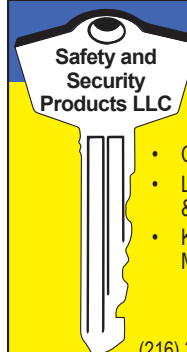
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