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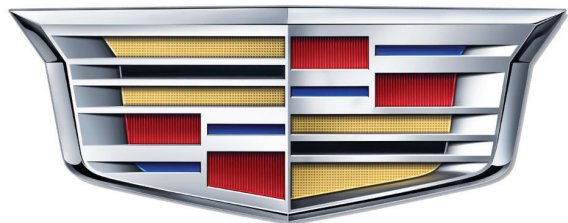
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# Letter from THE EDITOR

By Debby Zelman Rapoport



As we publish the first issue of our 30th year, I am both humbled and deeply grateful for the ongoing support of the Beachwood community. Our very first issue debuted in October 1996. What began as a small black-and-white magazine with a collage-style cover has blossomed into a vibrant, full-color publication, filled each month with stories that celebrate the city, schools, neighborhoods, residents, and businesses that make Beachwood so special.

As I look back through early issues, I smile when I see many familiar faces. The children who once filled these pages have grown into parents and professionals, now leaving their own imprint on the community. Some of the adults we've featured are still active in our community, while others live on in our fond memories. Since the beginning, Beachwood's story has always been – and continues to be – about its people and the connections that bind us.

Over the years, our city's footprint has grown, our schools have remained among the finest, our neighborhoods continue to welcome new and longtime residents alike, and our housing values stay strong. With every issue of *Beachwood Buzz*, we strive to reflect the spirit of our vibrant community

and it is a true honor to share fresh stories with you month after month.

I could not do this without the steadfast support of so many – our city, schools, advertisers, content contributors, and you, our readers. I am equally grateful for our dedicated team, whose creativity and hard work in sales, photography, writing, proofreading, and design come together each month to bring every issue to life. Your contributions, talent, and passion make *Beachwood Buzz* truly shine.

This month, we're highlighting businesses that are ready to help you refresh your home just in time for the holidays. Whether you're planning a renovation, an update, or a simple repair – or are looking to move – we invite you to explore these pages, starting

on page 47. Please show your support for our local businesses.

We also invited candidates running for office in Beachwood to share their statements. Please take a moment to read them, beginning on page 23.

Thank you, Beachwood, for helping us celebrate this incredible milestone. As we step into our 30th year, we're reminded that everyone has a story to tell – and we would be honored to share yours. Please email me at [beachwoodbuzz@gmail.com](mailto:beachwoodbuzz@gmail.com) and be part of the next chapter in our community's story.

Cheers to the memories we've made, the stories yet to come, and the amazing community that makes it all possible!

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# Beachwood Wellness Expo

Thursday, Oct. 30 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cleveland Senior Network invites the community to the Beachwood Wellness Expo, a spooktacular day of wellness and fun at the Beachwood Community Center.

This event, Thursday, Oct. 30, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., will feature informative sessions, vendor tables, delicious free lunch for the first 150 attendees, and health screenings to keep you feeling your best.

Stop by to mingle with other seniors in the community and dress in costume for a chance to win prizes.

Also included will be line dancing, a 50/50 cash raffle, and



raffle drawings, with proceeds benefiting the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. Receive extra free raffle tickets by bringing canned goods to donate.

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  - Beachwood has record revenues with lower taxes thanks to Ahuja expansion and other business development.
  - Why should tax rates rise?
- **Be environmental stewards**
  - Install solar panels on city-owned roofs.
  - Partner with businesses (mall, grocery stores, etc.) to install electric car chargers.
- **Focus on Resident Safety**
  - Prioritize the solar, side street lighting project without a tax increase.

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Cover Story:

## WOLFS GALLERY CAPTURES COMPREHENSIVE ART COLLECTION



**Y**ou can still be caught by surprise, even if you are told that you will be surprised. Stepping foot into WOLFS Gallery, at 23645 Mercantile Rd., will likely have that impact. Story starts on page 7.

*Pictured:* WOLFS founder, Michael Wolf, standing next to a sculpture created by John Kearney, in front of WOLFS Gallery. Kearney studied at the Cranbrook Academy of Art from 1945 to 1948 and then in Italy on a Fulbright scholarship. In 1951, he became director of the Contemporary Workshop in Chicago and was then president of the Provincetown Art Association. Kearney explores figurative expression with bronze and steel.

*Cover and story photos by Scott Morrison, Discovery Photo.*

Everyone has a story to tell. Tell yours in *Beachwood Buzz*!  
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# WOLFS GALLERY

## Captures Comprehensive Art Collection

By June Scharf • Photos by Scott Morrison, Discovery Photo

**Y**ou can still be caught by surprise, even if you are told that you will be surprised. Stepping foot into WOLFS Gallery, at 23645 Mercantile Rd., will likely have that impact.

You might be surprised to experience the no-pressure environment where nobody will try to sell you anything. Your eyes may widen at the range of decorative and fine art and the vast space inside where pieces are well lit and displayed. And after perusing the entire 10,000-square-foot gallery filled with more than a thousand works, you might be shocked that you haven't heard much about this jewel within your midst.

The gallery opened in Beachwood in 2020, just as the pandemic took hold, after more than 50 years in business in spaces on Larchmere Boulevard and in downtown Cleveland.

Frankly, Michael Wolf, the gallery owner and former auction house operator, is not what you might expect either. He is a businessman who struggles with the notion of actually parting with the art.

"We regret everything we sell," he explains semi-facetiously during a conversation at the gallery. "We have separation anxiety. We love our things so much! We call it an adoption program."

And the works find plenty of forever homes. Part of the success lies with the high level of curation in the collection process, which WOLFS' unique staff provides.

"There's not a piece in here that we don't like. And if we tire of a work or feel it's been with us too long, then we move it to an auction."

Existing in Beachwood has been fantastic, says Michael, because the space is tucked away off of main roads, despite the potential counter-intuitiveness of this statement. He explains, "The only people who visit us are those who are serious since we're off the beaten path." In previous, more visible spaces, he reports getting a lot of "tire-kickers," people who weren't serious buyers.

The gallery is filled with an eclectic collection of paintings, sculpture, art glass, and decorative arts from various periods, styles and disciplines. It also hosts bi-annual exhibitions when it amasses a collection, typically through an artist's or collector's estate.

This month, WOLFS is hosting a show featuring work by renowned and prolific Cleveland artist August F. Biehle Jr. (1885-1979), beginning Friday, Oct. 10. (*See sidebar, page 10.*) The most recent exhibition at the gallery spotlighted Op Art from the Cleveland School, a group of important modernists who dominated that scene in the United States during the middle of the 20th century.

The gallery serves both beginning and sophisticated collectors with works at a wide range of price points. Simultaneously, the gallery is acquiring art all the time. WOLFS also specializes in the appraisal of fine art, antiques, and personal property. Those





*Transection No. 15, 1972,*  
by Clarence Holbrook Carter  
Oil on canvas

*Over and Above No. 6,*  
by Clarence Holbrook Carter  
Oil, sand, and fish bones on canvas



*Right:*  
*Building From a City,*  
by James Grashow  
Fabric, cardboard, wood, and paint



*From left:*  
*Bather with Flowers,* by Kristen Newell  
Earthenware, stoneware, glaze, epoxy,  
resin, and dried flowers



*Louis XV Style Gilt-Bronze Mounted  
Marquetry Inlaid Kingwood Pedestals,*  
by Maison Millet

interested in selling their fine art can contact the gallery and email images.

Michael grew up in Cleveland Heights where his father owned gas stations in the 50s and 60s. They were located first in the Glenville area near Lakeview Cemetery, then in Forest Hills, just at the bottom of Superior Hill. These were remarkable places where the most interesting and unusual people hung out, he notes.

Michael has always cared about his environment and his surroundings and how they were put together, a trait first expressed as a young boy when he hung posters in his bedroom. Two favorites

were by artists Paul Klee and Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. The gas stations provided his first opportunity for curation.

"I arranged the oil cans a certain way, the tire display and the posters in another way. It became an obsession."

Michael is a graduate of The Ohio State University. While there, he took studio and art history courses, and frequented auctions, flea markets, and estate liquidations: "I went to everything!" He also devoted tons of time to sitting in the art history aisle at Long's Bookstore in Columbus, reading books about surrealism and many other forms of modern art.





Above: Beihle Paintings arranged for WOLFS' upcoming show



Artwork by varied artists as you enter one of the small galleries.

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**We have separation anxiety.**

**We love our things so much!**

**We call it an adoption program.”**

When Michael returned to Cleveland around 1974, he and a friend opened an arts and antiques store called The Collector, on Coventry Road in Cleveland Heights. Later, he moved to California where he established an auction house on Main Street in Santa Monica, next door to Bob Dylan's studio. To drop just one other name, Barbra Streisand often came to the auctions.

“It was wonderful, though I was totally intimidated by the whole thing!”

At the time, he remembers setting their first world-record price. It was for an American print by Mary Cassatt, titled *La Toilette*, and it

sold for \$100,000, quite a large sum for the 1970s.

The business was successful, but he found it challenging to source inventory, requiring frequent trips back to Cleveland to acquire art and antiques. Eventually, he returned home and established Wolfs Auction House on Larchmere, where Loganberry Books is located. Then, in 1989, the gallery moved to West 6th Street, where it would do business for 10 more years, becoming one of the premier regional auction houses in the country.

In 1998, he pioneered online auctions in the gallery world, describing it as an “exhilarating, anxiety-producing experience” with



# AUGUST FREDERICK BIEHLE JR. (1885-1979) EXHIBITION

On View Oct. 10 – Dec. 10 at WOLFS Gallery

The WOLFS Gallery exhibition of August Biehle (pronounced BEE-lee) Jr.'s work includes 75 pieces of art. It marks the artist's first major solo show and sale. The price range for framed paintings is roughly \$2,500-\$75,000.

One of the hallmarks of the Modernist painter and Cleveland resident's work is the variety in his stylistic approach. He was part of the Cleveland School, a group of modernists who dominated the scene in Cleveland during the first half of the 20th century.

He produced a large volume of works which often reveal his experiments with different styles, including Art Nouveau, Postimpressionism, and Cubism. Art Nouveau was his first and most important influence, Postimpressionism helped to brighten his palette, and Cubism dominated his later abstract works, according to a consideration of his work by Rotraud Sackerlotzky in *August F. Biehle, Jr, Ohio Landscapes*.

His family emigrated to the U.S. from Germany in the 1800s, and Biehle was raised in Cleveland where he studied art as a child. In 1903, when he was 18, he returned to Europe, specifically Paris and Munich, to study art. Most of Biehle's teachers during his formative years in Germany were part of the Art Nouveau movement.

Sackerlotzky notes that, "they were concerned with abstracting nature into simple, flat shapes to make them easily recognizable and printable. This style gave their art a certain poster-like appearance. For Biehle, this decorative linearism, emphasizing flat geometric shapes and evenly applied colors, formed a method which he continued to use intermittently throughout most of his life."

In 1912, he returned to Cleveland and worked until 1913 as color artist and demonstrator at Sherwin-Williams Company. That year, he also started a new career in commercial lithography. Until his retirement in 1952, he worked as lithographer. He made posters, billboard ads and designed theater marquees. However, Biehle continued painting and drawing portraits and still lifes, but primarily focused on landscapes.

Biehle was actively involved with local artists who he met at the Kokoon Arts Club, a group of Cleveland avant-garde

enthusiasts, founded in 1911 by William Sommer and Carl Moellmann. Artists who had to work during the day gathered at the Kokoon Club in the evening to draw and paint. The club provided models and space for periodic exhibitions. But most importantly, these artists inspired one another and enabled attempts at daring new concepts.

The city of Cleveland as subject matter appears often in Biehle's body of work. Urban scenes and factories in particular were popular subjects in the 1920s and 1930s. Later in life, his landscapes and abstractions reflected various influences which he assimilated in his art, including his German heritage and education, the impact of Cleveland's artistic community, and the influence of other American and European artists.

Biehle's paintings were so frequently selected (at least 25 years) for the Cleveland Museum of Art's annual May Show (1919-1993) that he was awarded Emeritus Nonjury Entrant status, allowing him to bypass the normal competition.

For more biographical details and examples of Biehle's work, visit [www.wolfsgallery.com](http://www.wolfsgallery.com).

**The Canton Museum of Art Exhibition Archives describe August Biehle Jr. as one of Northeast Ohio's most prolific and distinguished artists, with masterful draftsmanship and a superior sense of design. He assimilated aspects of German Expressionism, Fauvism, and Cubism, and moved skillfully between a range of styles, from Jugendstil (a German modernist style) to American Scene painting. He also displayed his versatility by mastering a variety of media and techniques, from graphite drawing to painting in oil, gouache, pastel, and tempera.**

steep technical challenges. Despite initial difficulties, including a notable incident where a buyer accidentally bid against himself due to technical glitches, the online auction business grew rapidly. This growth led to expansion and relocation to a large commercial building on East 40th Street near Payne Avenue.

Michael eventually stepped away from the auction house business due to the constant focus on volume and the stress of rapid growth at the expense of quality and curation. After leaving, he conducted his last important auction for the estate of the famous Cleveland designer Nick Veloney, which brought in approximately \$2.5 million, on behalf of the Cleveland Museum of Art.

His career next took him to New York where he operated a gallery for several years. He then moved to Dallas to establish the fine and

decorative arts division for Heritage Auction House, a role he held for nearly three years. Returning to Cleveland's Larchmere area, he opened a fine arts gallery – rather than an auction house – which quickly outgrew its space. That growth led to the present Beachwood location, large enough to house and exhibit much of WOLFS' extensive inventory.

The space has a salon/lounge feel to it, with one room offering couches and chairs, along with some adult beverages. Clients often linger and indulge in conversation, while surrounded by large-scale paintings and sculptures. Throughout the day, Michael undoubtedly learns as much about his clients as they do about the gallery's artwork.

What's not surprising at all is that it can be a very enjoyable experience to immerse yourself in great art and fine company.





### ▲ **House In the Moor Near Munich, c. 1912**

Gouache on paper laid on cardboard

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- No (0)
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- Yes, frequently (2)

**4. Do you experience dizziness when turning your head quickly?**

- No (0)
- Occasionally (1)
- Yes, often (2)

**5. Do you tire easily with daily activities like climbing stairs?**

- Not really (0)
- Sometimes (1)
- Yes, regularly (2)

**Your Results:**

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**2–4 points:** 👻 The Dizzy Ghost. Balance or posture issues may be creeping in. A physical therapy screen could help.

**5–7 points:** 🕷️ The Creepy Creep. Pain, weakness, or dizziness is starting to haunt your daily life. Don't ignore it!

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**3. Ghostly Glute Bridges** 👻 – Lie on your back with knees bent, feet flat. Lift hips toward the ceiling, hold for 3 seconds, then lower. Repeat 10–15 times to strengthen your hips and back.



### Fall Into Better Health Before Winter Hits



Autumn is the perfect season to reset your health routines before winter sneaks in. The crisp air and cooler temperatures make it enjoyable to get outside for walks, stretch your legs, and strengthen the muscles that help keep you steady. Fall also brings back a sense of routine after summer, making it the ideal time to focus on balance, flexibility, and posture. Think of it as your “training season” to prepare your body for the months ahead.

Here's the reality: Slippery ice, heavy snow, and shorter days in winter bring a much higher risk of slips and falls, especially for adults over 50. The good news is you can reduce those risks by starting now. Practicing balance exercises, improving your strength, and learning fall-prevention strategies can give you the confidence to move safely all season long. Don't wait for winter to catch you off guard: Call Balance Solutions Physical Therapy today to schedule an appointment and start improving your balance, building strength, and decreasing your fall risk before winter arrives!

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# A.I. Summit Coming to Tri-C on Oct. 23: Practical Solutions for Business Growth and Efficiency

The Beachwood Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Solon Chamber of Commerce, is proud to present the Artificial Intelligence Summit, a premier regional event uniting commerce with intelligence. The summit will take place on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 8 a.m. to noon at Tri-C's Eastern Campus Mandel Theatre (4250 Richmond Rd., Highland Hills).

This dynamic half-day program is designed for entrepreneurs, C-suite executives, tech innovators, marketing and operations professionals, educators, students, and business leaders interested in incorporating A.I. into their workflows. Attendees will discover how A.I. can benefit their business with practical solutions for growth and efficiency.

"We're thrilled to collaborate with the Solon Chamber and bring together top-tier talent and innovative leadership in the A.I. space," said David Lapierre, Beachwood Chamber of Commerce executive director. "This summit goes beyond theory – attendees will walk away with tools and strategies they can immediately apply to improve their business operations."

Headlining the event is keynote speaker **Chris Berry**, president and CEO of OhioX, a statewide nonprofit dedicated to growing Ohio's reputation as a leading tech hub. Chris brings deep expertise in public policy, innovation, and strategic communications and his work has been cited or featured in major outlets, including *Forbes*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *CNBC*, and *FOX Business*.

The summit also features an engaging lineup of speakers and panelists:

- **Rob Buchwald**, founder and CEO of Akron Innovations, delivers high-energy, TED-style presentations on people-first approaches to A.I. adoption in everyday business environments.
- **Jeff Kavlick**, CEO of Moreland Connect, leads a team dedicated to delivering innovative solutions tailored to meet the evolving needs of clients.
- A panel discussion, moderated by **Jessica Colombi**, executive director for Public Policy and Economic Development at Tri-C, will explore real-world A.I. applications across industries. Panelists include **Alfred Cowger** (attorney and author of *One Nation Under Algorithms: The Threats of Algorithms and AI to Civil Rights, Legal Remedies, and American Jurisprudence*); **Jeff Dennis** (CEO, TRNSFRM); **Rocco Cuffari** (tech consultant, AHEAD Consulting); and **Travis Grundke** (EVP, Ashton Solutions).

"The City of Beachwood is committed to fostering innovation and supporting our local business community through knowledge-sharing events like this upcoming opportunity with the chamber," said Catherine Bieterman, Economic Development director for the City of Beachwood. "As A.I. rapidly reshapes the way

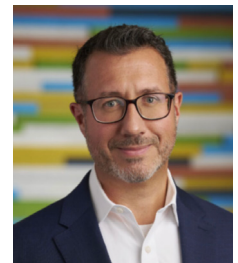


Above: Keynote speaker Chris Berry, speaker Rob Buchwald, and speaker Jeff Kavlick

Right: Moderator Jessica Colombi

Below: Panelists Alfred Cowger, Rocco Cuffari, and Travis Grundke

Not pictured: Jeff Dennis



we live and work, this summit offers a crucial opportunity for Northeast Ohio businesses to stay competitive and forward-thinking."

Registration is \$25 for chamber members and \$35 for non-members. To register, visit [www.beachwood.org](http://www.beachwood.org).

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# RE-ELECT *Mayor* **JUSTIN BERNES**

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## **Highlights of the past four years include:**

- Increased future housing options through the purchase and development of the Fairmount Temple property.
- Secured nearly 43 acres of land in Chagrin Highlands for future economic development and growth.
- Expanded recreation options with a new playground, pickleball courts, and community gardens.
- Upgraded public safety through enhanced leadership, new training opportunities, modernizing technology, vehicle fleet, and collaboration with external agencies.
- Implemented sustainability initiatives, including a free residential composting program and the first solar streetlight pilot program in Ohio.
- Demonstrated fiscal discipline through a partnership with the Beachwood School District to keep property tax rates flat through 2030 for all property owners.
- Supported business growth and retention by incentivizing Millennium Control Systems' global headquarters in Beachwood and retaining Porsche Beachwood to build its new dealership in the city.

## **Looking ahead, the next four years will focus on:**

- Increasing the efficiency of our responsive and outstanding city services for residents and businesses, including rubbish/recycling collection, snow plowing, and leaf/brush collection.
- Advance public safety with cutting-edge technology and training to deliver faster responses, better care, and proactive protection for our community.
- Adding more than 80 new residential homes with the completion of the development of the Fairmount Temple property.
- Advancing major infrastructure projects, including the Chagrin/Richmond I-271 corridor, municipal facility upgrades, and necessary road and waterline maintenance.
- Expanding current sustainability initiatives while evaluating new environmentally conscious projects that benefit our community.
- Improving convenience for residents to register and participate in the diverse recreation programming for all ages offered by the city's recreation department.
- Enhancing community engagement and strengthening communication channels to improve a two-way dialogue between residents, businesses, and city leadership.



**"I am deeply grateful for the trust  
our community has placed in me  
over the past four years,  
and I am proud of what we've  
accomplished together.  
Looking ahead, I'm excited  
to continue working side by side  
with city leadership and our residents  
to keep Beachwood thriving."**

**— Mayor Justin Bernes**

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# Local Recreation Go

The One-Stop App That Simplifies Scheduling

**A**t Local Recreation Go, the mission is simple: to make it easier for residents to find what's going on, for businesses to reach their local audience, and for governments to communicate effectively with their citizens. The team who created this app, led by Beachwood resident Jonathan Bannet, believes that strong communities are built on connection and participation.

The concept for Local Recreation Go was born from a simple question: What if finding local events, classes, and programs – at times that fit your schedule – was as easy as checking your favorite app?

Despite the abundance of activities available – children's programming, art workshops, cooking classes, fitness sessions, live music, nature programs, etc. – people often struggled to discover them at times that fit their schedules.

Jonathan left a career in big tech with a desire to focus on something closer to home. After moving to Beachwood with his wife, who grew up in Beachwood, he started thinking about quality of life and community connection.

"I love using our local recreation guide, but it sometimes feels like a juggling act to pick classes and programs that fit our family's schedule," he explained. "So I thought about building an app that would allow people to search by time, category, or availability."

Alongside Beachwood Recreation director Derek Schroeder, graphic designer Ryan Kennedy, and Economic Development director Catherine Biertman, Jonathan developed a platform that bridges technology and community life.

Local Recreation Go is designed with three groups in mind:

- **Residents:** Find hobbies, family-friendly events, enrichment programs, and more – all searchable by time, date, or category.

- **Local businesses:** Gain visibility for your offerings, from yoga sessions to live music nights, reaching people actively searching for experiences.
- **Cities and governments:** Communicate more effectively by making it easy to share classes, events, and resources in one accessible hub.

By curating listings and syncing with local calendars, the platform gives users a clear view of what's happening nearby, while offering free marketing opportunities for businesses.

Currently in beta testing in Beachwood, Local Recreation Go is working closely with the City of Beachwood, local studios, and community stakeholders to refine the platform.

For Local Recreation Go to reach its full potential, participation from local studios and instructors is essential – and it's free! While residents benefit from having easy access to activities, the platform can only be as rich and dynamic as the opportunities contributed by local providers. Studios offering fitness, dance, art, cooking, music – or other events and programs – stand to gain increased visibility and engagement, while also strengthening the community fabric by making their offerings more discoverable. Now is the time for local businesses to get involved – without their contributions, the platform remains valuable, but it falls short of what it could truly deliver for residents and for the studios themselves.

For Local Recreation Go to reach its full potential, participation from local studios and instructors is essential – and it's free!

If you or someone you know operates a studio or offers programs, we encourage you to connect with us so your classes and events can be featured on the platform.

"It's a win-win," Jonathan explained. "Businesses get free marketing, residents get easy access to quality-of-life activities, and cities have another tool to connect with their citizens."

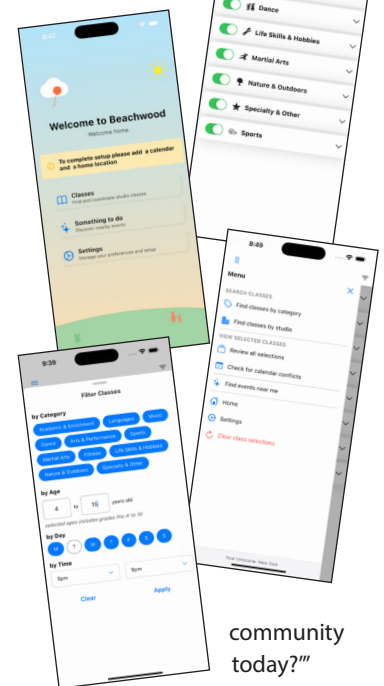
"We're thrilled that a Beachwood resident created this app and that our city will be the first to bring it to life," said Derek. "Local Recreation Go is a wonderful tool for families, serving as a comprehensive recreation resource guide in the palm of your hand, and we're proud to have played a role in its launch."

"The beta testing process was a great example of collaboration between a resident and the city," added Ryan. "We were able to test functionality, offer feedback, and ultimately help bring an app to life that strengthens community connections in Beachwood."

Jonathan's vision is ambitious: to create a centralized, engaging, and user-friendly hub that revives the feeling of community. "Ultimately," he said, "we want Local Recreation Go to be the place people turn when they ask, 'What's going on in my



Jonathan Bannet, founder, Local Recreation Go



community today?"

He's proud to kick off this project right here in Beachwood and encourages all of us to help him spread the word. To learn more, visit [www.localrecreationgo.com](http://www.localrecreationgo.com).

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# Heart of a Stranger

By Jennifer Stern

I recently read *Heart Of A Stranger*, by Angela Buchdahl. The impact her story had on me is quite profound. She is the first Asian American rabbi. Throughout her entire life, she felt like an outsider – she felt different, other.

Angela was born in Korea and raised in Tacoma, Washington. Her mother was a Korean Buddhist and her father a Jewish American. At age 10, she began to find a deep spiritual connection through prayer and music. She started to find strength, healing, and a sense of belonging through her spiritual practice.

She discovered through a lifetime of judgement, labels, and rejection that the power of belonging comes from within: from developing a deep faith, a strong purpose, and in believing in something greater than oneself.

Angela believes that fear is a choice, that we are in control of our fear. Each day, we have a choice when it comes to facing our fears, overcoming barriers, and living beyond the limitations imposed by others.

"Do not suffer from tomorrow's trouble as you do not know what a day will bring," she says. What if we chose to not borrow worry from the future and, instead, to just live *this* day standing in and leading from our strengths, our purpose?

Angela found valuable lessons in each hurdle presented. She learned to keep pushing forward: to continue to honor and advocate for herself in spite of distorted and limiting beliefs, and judgment, imposed by others.

In this time of great divisiveness, she speaks of our interdependence and asks, "What would it look like to act on this sense of responsibility for your neighbor ...," encouraging a greater sense of compassionate humanity through action.

She implores us to reach out to the person who is alone, to bring food to the ill neighbor, to listen closely to a perspective unlike our own, and to give generously of our time – whether by tutoring, feeding, clothing, or offering counsel.

Angela believes that we love by performing acts of love, through our behaviors that recognize the value, dignity, and worth of every human being.

She reminds us that we can only love others as much as we love ourselves. If we have trouble valuing ourselves, we become limited in how we value others.

She asks us to bring compassion to our mistakes. To accept our perceived flaws and imperfections. To focus on what we have, rather than what we lack. She reminds us that comparison is the thief of joy and challenges us to focus inward and grow into the best version of ourselves.

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Yes, her story is inspiring; it is also a reminder and a call to action to live with greater awareness, accountability, and compassion. To connect not only to our obligation to honor and care for ourselves, but also others.

She addresses the suffering, pain, and devastation in our world and does not shy away from acknowledging the most troubling realities. Every page is like a prayer, deeply meaningful and profound. She reminds us that we must choose life – not only when it's easy but when it feels impossible. One of her most impactful reminders is that we are mandated to remember, protect, and, yes, love the stranger, because this is who we are.



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

## Finding Beauty in Imperfection

*Finding Beauty In Imperfection*  
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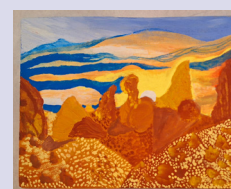
Have you ever felt broken? Have you ever felt we live in a broken world? *Finding Beauty In Imperfection* is Ianina's personal story of resiliency told through paintings on broken martial arts boards. Her art will be on

display and for sale, for the first time, until Nov. 23.

Born in Argentina, Ianina made Aliyah to Kibbutz Yotvata, Israel, in 1982. She then immigrated to Virginia in 2012, and moved to Beachwood in 2017. Ianina became an American citizen in 2023. She is a geriatric case manager at Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging and a master licensed social worker.

Ianina married Hod Dana, professor at Cleveland Clinic Lerner Research Institute. She is the mother of three and a member of Bnai Jeshurun Congregation. Ianina learned to paint at age 10 and resumed this skill in 2020. In addition to this show, Ianina will host an exhibit at Chagrin Falls Library in December 2025 and co-initiated with Marlene Weinstein Craft and Art Circle at Beachwood Library.

For more information, call 571.353.0345, email [ianinadana@gmail.com](mailto:ianinadana@gmail.com), or visit Finding Beauty in Imperfection – Artist page on Facebook.



*Yearning for My Childhood's Scenery*, April, 2025.



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# Maltz Museum's 18th Annual Stop the Hate® Scholarship Contest Now Open for Submissions

The Maltz Museum's 18th Annual Stop the Hate® Contest and Program has officially launched for the 2025/2026 school year. Each year, nearly 8,000 students take part in Stop the Hate® through workshops and tours, with about 3,000 students entering the contest. With the help of more than 400 volunteer readers, the program names 30 contest finalists, recognizes outstanding teachers, and awards \$100,000 in scholarships and prizes to students who raise their voices against hate.

Since its inception, Stop the Hate has reached more than 50,000 students across Northeast Ohio and awarded over \$1.7 million in scholarships, prizes, and educational grants, making it one of the largest opportunities of its kind in the nation. Rooted in the Jewish value of respect for all humanity, the Maltz

Museum is proud to provide a platform where young people of all backgrounds can speak out against bullying and hate.

## What's New This Year?

This year, the grand prize essay scholarship has been increased to \$30,000. In addition, responding to the growing interest in poetry, the program is expanding poem submission to include all students in grades six through twelve across our 15-county region.

## Who Can Enter the Contest?

The contest is open to Northeast Ohio students in grades six through twelve who live in or attend public, private, or home school in one of the following counties: Ashland, Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, and Wayne counties.

## How to Participate

Students are invited to submit a personal essay (500 words or less) or a poem that reflects on real-life experiences they have experienced, witnessed, or learned about hate, exclusion, or injustice – and how it inspired them to take positive action and encourage others to do the same. Submissions should be made independently by students at [maltzmuseum.org/sth/contest](http://maltzmuseum.org/sth/contest). Schools and educators are encouraged to support participation, and while a visit to the Maltz Museum is encouraged, it not required.

## School Group Opportunities

Teachers are invited to bring their students to the museum for *Past in Progress: A Maltz Museum Stop the Hate Tour*. Rooted in the Stop the Hate® program, this tour equips students with

tools to engage with the past in meaningful ways and reflect on themes of agency, creativity, and storytelling – highlighting how these forces have inspired positive change throughout history.

Student groups receive discounted pricing and CMSD schools are admitted free with preregistration; free busing is available for CMSD and schools where 50% or more of the students participate in the National School Lunch Program.

Additional opportunities, prizes, and grants are available through this program. Visit [www.maltzmuseum.org/sth/contest](http://www.maltzmuseum.org/sth/contest) for details.

Submissions are due in the essay category on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026. The deadline for poetry submissions is Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026.

## BEACHWOOD DEMOCRATIC WARD CLUB ENDORSED CANDIDATES FOR NOVEMBER 4TH

### FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION



Re-Elect Member  
**Kim Allamby**



Elect Member  
**Rini Ghosh**



Re-Elect Member  
**Wendy Leatherberry**

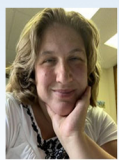
### FOR CITY COUNCIL



Re-Elect Councilman  
**Alec Isaacson**



Elect Councilman  
**Peter L. Smith**



Elect  
**Alexandra Jacobs**

### FOR MAYOR



Re-Elect Mayor  
**Justin B. Berns**

We are the official affiliate of the Democratic Party in Beachwood. We are a group of elected officials, civic leaders, and passionate members of the community who are committed to advancing progressive values in Beachwood and beyond. We meet to exchange ideas, participate in activism, support candidates that align with our ideals, and work to build a stronger sense of community - and maybe meet some new friends! We meet monthly but come as often as you can. New faces are welcome - we hope to see you there!

### Upcoming Meetings:

Oct. 8 and Nov. 12 - 7pm, Rec. Ctr., Chagrin Room



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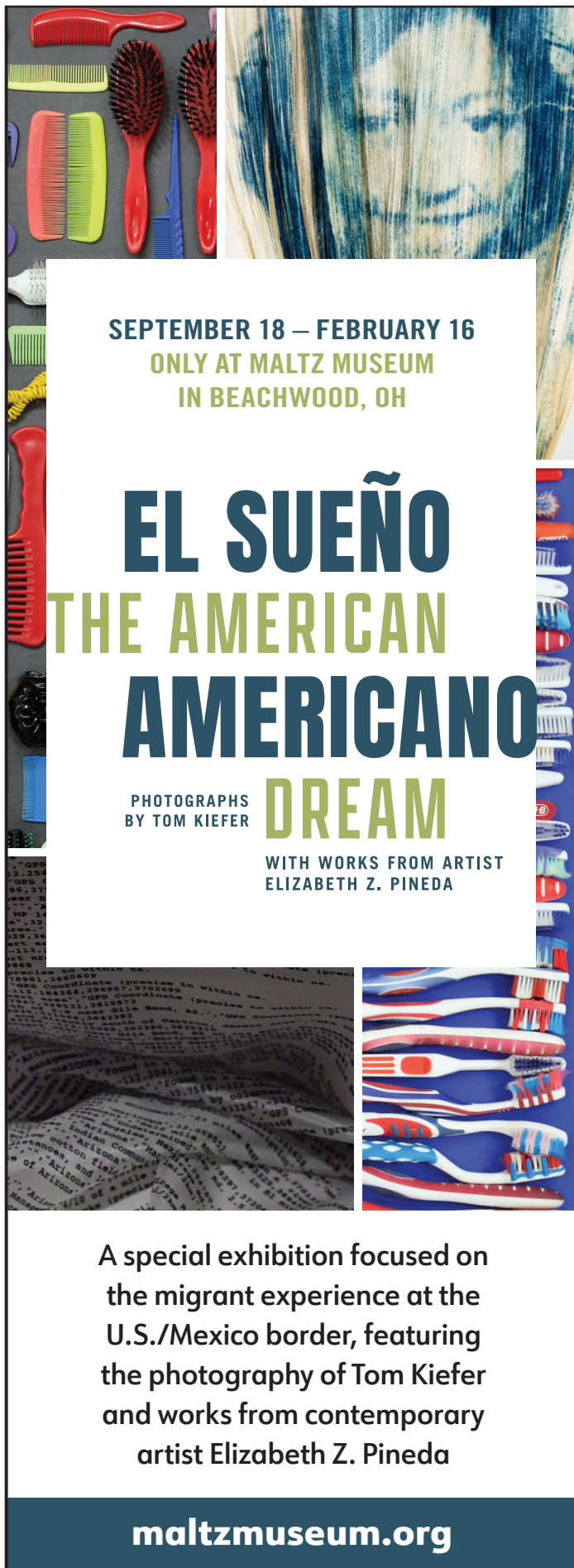
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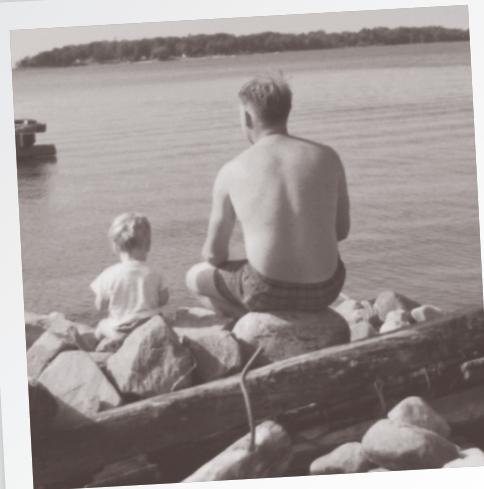
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# The Wisdom of Robert F. Kennedy Sr. is Still Needed Today – Unfortunately

By State Senator Kent Smith



**A** day following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy Sr., then a candidate for the presidency, spoke at The City Club of Cleveland.

His remarks were a poignant call to turn down the rhetoric and rebuild the relationships between our neighbors. Few could be as compelling and convincing on the topic of the disturbing pattern of American political violence which tarnished much of the 1960s.

Recent events suggest that we should give RFK's remarks a fresh look. While at The City Club of Cleveland on April 5, 1968, he concluded his speech by saying: "Surely we can learn, at least, to look at those around us as fellow men and surely we can begin to work a little harder to bind up the wounds among us and to become in our hearts brothers and countrymen once again."

While I highly recommend you read RFK's remarks, I do have an observation of my own.

In July 2017 – just six months into Trump's first term – I heard a presentation from political pollster Frank Luntz who shared the datapoint that Bill Clinton was the most polarizing president in American history. He paused and then said ... until George W. Bush became the most polarizing president in American history.

Luntz then continued: Until Barack Obama became the most polarizing president in American history ... until Donald Trump became the most polarizing president in American history.

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We are safest when our neighbors are looking out for us and we are looking out for them. But the lesson we have yet to learn is everyone is our neighbor.

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The message that Luntz was trying to send us was we all need to bring the political temperature down a little bit. His warning was that the continuation of amplified partisan anger won't have good outcomes for anyone. His message was heartbreakingly similar to RFK's 50 years earlier.

America's biggest problem is that we refuse to learn the right lessons in our moments of pain.

We are safest when our neighbors are looking out for us and we are looking out for them. But the lesson we have yet to learn is everyone is our neighbor.

You can read Sen. Kennedy's full speech that was presented at The City Club by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/CityClubSpeech>.

*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.*



# CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

The following pages provide an equal opportunity for local candidates to share their platforms.

Mayor Berns' statement appears first, followed by City Council candidates, presented in alphabetical order, and then School Board candidates, also listed alphabetically.

All candidates were invited to participate, and the statements that follow were submitted by those who chose to respond. It is our responsibility to make educated choices when going to the polls.

Please do your part and vote on Tuesday, Nov. 4.  
Every vote counts.



## Mayor Justin Berns

As I complete my first term as mayor, I have been reflecting on what it truly means to serve the City of Beachwood. Leading a well-run city is both a challenge and a privilege, and I approach this responsibility with humility and gratitude. Serving this community is an honor I do not take lightly. The accomplishments we've achieved and the lessons I've learned over the past three-and-a-half years have only strengthened my commitment to each of you.

One of the most valuable lessons I've learned is that leadership is never a solo endeavor. The old saying, "There's no 'I' in team," is especially true in city government. Every success we achieve is the result of collaboration – among my administration, City Council, and the dedicated employees who serve our residents, businesses, and visitors each day. Their professionalism, integrity, and commitment form the backbone of Beachwood's success.

Equally important are the relationships we've built beyond City Hall. My administration has prioritized

partnerships with community leaders and organizations that share our mission and values. Working closely with Superintendent Dr. Bob Hardis and the Beachwood Schools, as well as with David Lapierre, executive director of the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce, has strengthened our ability to serve this city together. Through open communication and collaboration, we are empowered to meet challenges head on and create opportunities that strengthen the Beachwood community.

The success of our city is not mine alone – it is a shared accomplishment we should all take pride

in. I am deeply grateful to my administration, our department directors, and all of our city employees whose dedication makes Beachwood the thriving community it is today. Most of all, I want to thank our residents. Your engagement and trust grant me the privilege of serving as your mayor, and I carry that responsibility with the utmost humility.

Looking ahead, I am inspired by the momentum we've built together. Our city's stability, integrity, and progressive leadership remain the foundation upon which we continue to grow. If voters decide to re-elect me as mayor, I pledge to advance

that progress thoughtfully and responsibly. My goal is to ensure Beachwood remains an inclusive, welcoming, and forward-thinking community where we can all *Work, Live, Learn, Thrive*.

– Mayor Justin Berns

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# BEACHWOOD CITY COUNCIL

## Matt Hildebrand

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

What if I told you our city already has record revenue? **What if I also told you there's a way to continue to increase city revenue AND give you a property tax cut?** In March 2025, the city purchased 43 acres in Chagrin Highlands, but currently, it is undevelopable. If a connector road is built between Mercantile and Harvard, businesses can move in. Why is this important? Over 70% of our revenue comes from income taxes, and the majority of those paying these taxes live outside of Beachwood.

Let's increase our revenue by prioritizing development of this land.

Current elected city officials have repeatedly stated that the tax deal between the city and schools will end in 2026, **causing the city portion of the tax rate to rise.** What does this mean for you? In 2024, property appraisals from the county increased our house values and our corresponding tax obligations. So, if your overall tax rate stays the same from the school and city, your

taxes will increase. If the city makes their tax cut permanent from three years ago, many of us will actually see a reduction in property taxes. Since the city gets over 70% of their revenue from income taxes, why shouldn't they do this?

Where should we spend our money? The pilot solar lighting project on Ranch Road and Beachwood Boulevard provides appropriate lighting on streets and sidewalks. The city needs to prioritize this project expansion with a five-year plan



to install this lighting across our city. I will lead that effort!

I'm asking for your vote. With your support, I will advocate for our amazing city amenities while being an independent Democratic voice in Beachwood. Email me at [hildebmd@gmail.com](mailto:hildebmd@gmail.com) with your questions and/or comments.

## Alec Isaacson

Beachwood is a strong and stable community where people know they can count on high quality services, low taxes, and excellent schools. I'm proud to have been able to deliver that to our residents during my time on city council.

I helped to create an innovative partnership with our schools which will keep everyone's property tax rate flat through at least 2030. I helped to deliver important community improvements, including infrastructure projects to reduce flooding, new amenities (including solar powered streetlights), and safety initiatives to ensure our first responders are set up for success.

We did this while sustainably managing our finances, which gave us the flexibility to seize

key opportunities, including the purchase of the Fairmount Temple and Chagrin Highlands properties. These investments are going to pay long-term dividends by adding much needed housing stock and new businesses to our city.

Here's my vision for the next four years: We need leadership that is focused on creating tangible improvements in our residents' lives. Leadership that is focused on avoiding the politics of division and destruction that stalled our city's progress. Leadership that is prepared to

handle the financial uncertainty created by the shifting policies coming from the state and national levels. I have the experience and knowledge to deliver on that so Beachwood remains a strong, stable, vibrant, and growing community.

We have a good start on this, our finances are strong and we can sustain our current levels of service without raising taxes or taking on debt. That means we can keep our community safe, our infrastructure well maintained, and our amenities top notch.



I can't do this alone, so I'm asking that you also vote for Alex Jacobs and Pete Smith. Alex's skills in community management and Pete's in marketing will be key as we grow our community. Our combined skills will deliver tangible results to Beachwood and we are asking for your vote so we can do exactly that.



# CANDIDATES

## Alex Jacobs

I graduated from Cleveland Marshall College of Law in 2012, and have since had the perspective of a small business owner. For more than a decade, my company managed close to 100 condominium and homeowner associations, each a small but unique community with its own bylaws, infrastructure, budget, amenities, and culture.

My career has been right in the intersection of private-sector entrepreneurship and public civic management, and I'm eager to bring both perspectives to Beachwood City Council.

I have extensive community budgeting experience. Like a city, associations have regular expenses that are easy to anticipate, cyclical large-scale maintenance projects like road replacements, anticipated but variable costs, unpleasant surprises, and the constant

specter of inflation. I truly enjoy balancing all of these factors into a cohesive budget. A key factor in community finances is long-term planning over short-term savings.

What I want to see over the next four years is a city council that works together with the mayor and city departments to keep Beachwood strong, vibrant, growing, and diverse. Differences in opinion on how best to do this will arise, but I will foster an environment where

everyone respects that we all want what's best for Beachwood.

There are challenges Beachwood needs to be prepared to face. The country as a whole is facing economic uncertainty at every level. Beachwood's finances are stable and sustainable, and I am ready to continue the work needed to keep them that way.

I am not running alone, and I believe our candidate slate is best suited to navigate future challenges, bringing together



Alec Isaacson's long experience on the council, my community management and legal knowledge, and Pete Smith's business and marketing skills. With your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 4, we will keep Beachwood a top community to live, work, and play in.

## Peter Smith

I have three priorities as a candidate:

### **Stability of Beachwood in the face of significant regional and national challenges**

Political and economic turmoil at the regional and national levels represent significant challenges to Beachwood. The city of Beachwood must be insulated, as much as possible, from the impact of disruptive policies. This will require discipline, imagination, ingenuity, and cooperation. Where we cannot insulate citizens from state and federal missteps, we must be prepared to implement creative workarounds, such as those executed during the pandemic.

### **Attracting the next generation of families**

Beachwood must be deliberate about attracting and retaining young families. Attracting the young families who will continue to fuel the vitality of the city will be equally as important. I have spent a career developing brand identities and relish the opportunity to utilize my talents and experience enhancing the image of this beautiful little city that punches well above its weight.

### **Environmental and financial sustainability**

Environmental and financial sustainability represent huge

opportunities for Beachwood. Investing in renewable energy sources is a personal passion and a legislative priority for me. We should, at the very least, be moving to utilize renewable energy sources to power city buildings. My plan is to work to create legislation that provides a pathway to affordable and sustainable energy sources.

I would also like to speak to the skills and competencies of my slate-mates. Alec Isaacson and Alex Jacobs bring significant skills to city council. Alec has exhibited pragmatic and reliable leadership for several terms. Alex has worked as an entrepreneur in civic



management and holds a law degree. Our combined skill sets in the public and private sectors are well suited for managing the great city of Beachwood. We are committed to maintaining and improving the quality of life in Beachwood and we humbly ask for your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

# BEACHWOOD SCHOOL BOARD



## Kim Allamby

**S**trong public school education is why my husband, Carl, and I chose to move to Beachwood in 2015 with our two daughters, Kayla and Kennedy.

From the beginning, Beachwood schools have felt special because of how well the teachers get to know our children. The district also stands out for promoting inclusivity and embedding cultural learning among our diverse student body and I cherish these attributes about our schools.

I have had the honor of serving on the Beachwood Board of Education since January 2022. During that time, I have grown into my role as a board member and this year I served as vice president. I am seeking re-election because

I remain passionate about the importance of strong public school education for all students.

My dedication stems from personal experience. I attended public schools in neighboring Shaker Heights, as an African American only child of a single mom who worked at the local steel mill. Childhood presented many challenges, but my mother instilled in me the belief that I could achieve anything through hard work, curiosity, and education. She was right. I earned two degrees, which enabled me to

enjoy a three-decade career as a physical therapist.

The communication, analytical, and teamwork skills I developed as a seasoned PT have also served me well in board service. Looking back on my current term, I am especially proud of several accomplishments. For example, passing a bond levy to build new schools while keeping the effective tax rate flat will enable us to provide state-of-the-art facilities for students while respecting taxpayers' concerns. Forging strong relationships within the district has helped us begin to create a collaborative vision for our district that aligns with our community's priorities as we modernize our board goals.



If re-elected, I will focus on optimizing academic outcomes, social and emotional well-being, and ensuring every student feels valued and prepared for success.

I am pleased to be running on a slate with incumbents Wendy Leatherberry and Rini Ghosh, and hope we can all earn your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

## Rini Ghosh

**A**s an American of Indian heritage, born in Canada, and someone who has made a new place home four times, I know the importance of belonging and inclusion. When my family and I arrived in Beachwood, we found more than a community – we found a village.

Beachwood is where neighbors look out for one another, where diversity is celebrated, and where our children are given the chance to flourish. I am grateful to be part of this warm community and for the opportunity to serve on the Beachwood School Board.

I believe every child deserves to feel supported, included, and empowered in our schools. Our classrooms

must be places where each student's unique strengths are celebrated, and where evidence-based strategies nurture the academic, social, and emotional growth of every child.

I am committed to fostering a school environment that is both welcoming and safe. This means creating a culture where students, staff, parents, and community members feel respected, valued, and

heard. Safety is not just about physical security: It's about ensuring our schools are spaces where every person can thrive, contribute, and belong.

As the world grows more uncertain and core values face constant scrutiny, I am determined to safeguard what makes Beachwood special. With two young Beachwood Bison of my own, I care deeply about keeping our schools safe and supportive, and ensuring our district continues to embody excellence, equity, and community spirit.

I am running for School Board to uphold my progressive values and to continue to ensure every decision reflects our shared



commitment to students' success and well-being. Please vote to keep our team together and cast your ballot for Kim Allamby, Wendy Leatherberry, and me – so that, together, we can keep Beachwood the strong, vibrant, and caring village our children deserve.



# CANDIDATES

## Wendy Leatherberry

I appreciate the chance to share my reasons for seeking reelection to the Beachwood Board of Education.

Four years ago, I highlighted the fact that I previously served on the Cleveland Heights/University Heights Board of Education and therefore understood the unique requirements of the role. That experience and my nearly four years serving here in Beachwood have prepared me well to continue.

In addition to continuing to navigate successfully out of the pandemic, a key focus at the start of my term was addressing our aging elementary schools. I am proud that our board led a strong process to determine the

best solution, and soon our new Bryden and Hilltop Elementary Schools will open ahead of the original schedule and on budget. Our board also had the unenviable task of hiring a new treasurer/CFO. We aced that task, convincing Matt Brown to bring his deep financial management talents to Beachwood.

Looking ahead, I am sad and angry to say that we are in a perilous time. It is not hyperbole to say that public education is under attack from various sources. There are members of the Ohio Legislature who seek

to limit the authority of local Boards of Education in numerous ways. I testified in Columbus late this spring about the detrimental impact some of these proposals would have on Beachwood. Simultaneously, there are efforts at the national level to decrease or even eliminate funding that supports special education and vital interventions for vulnerable children. Members of our community regularly ask me what these attacks mean for Beachwood. I tell them that my colleagues and I are doing everything we can to protect our students and our district.

I am proud to be running with my colleagues, Kim Allamby and Rini Ghosh. We are each strong,



independent-minded moms. We do not always agree on every issue. But we share a vision for the continued success of our Beachwood Schools as a place that will continue to embrace our diversity as key to our strength and a place where each and every student should have every support needed to succeed.

## Diwali Celebration

By Srishti Ithychanda and Arnav Bokil, Beachwood High School Seniors

Diwali, The Festival of Lights, is an Indian festival observed during the darkest day of the lunar month (mid-September to mid-November) to mark the victory of good over evil, knowledge (light) over ignorance (darkness).

Countless *diyas* illuminating the dark night, firecrackers bursting, and people wearing new clothes, spending time together, sharing mouth-watering sweets, and making beautiful *rangolis* (patterns made of flowers and colors) are the hallmarks of this colorful festival. Originating in the traditions of Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism, and Buddhism, it is now a multicultural event that is recognized as a holiday in India and many other countries.

The Indian American Family Affinity group of Beachwood Schools cordially invites the Beachwood community to celebrate this joyous event at Beachwood High School on Nov. 2, from 5-8 p.m. Supported by Beachwood Schools, this Festival of Hope will feature a cultural program with traditional lamp lighting by Beachwood leaders, songs and dance performances by Beachwood children and parents, a fashion show, fun activities, and delicious food. Let us come together to create memorable

moments of shared laughter and joy, and spread the message that good will always triumph over evil.



### Diwali Celebration

Beachwood High School  
Sunday, Nov. 2  
5-8 p.m.

Sponsored by The Indian American Family Affinity Group  
with support from Beachwood Schools

For more details about  
The Indian American Family Affinity Group and Diwali,  
visit <https://tinyurl.com/BchwdDiwali>

## The Mayor's Message Technology & Innovation in City Services

### Dear Beachwood Residents,

Beachwood has established a reputation as a progressive community that embraces growth in various areas, including the delivery of city services. I am proud to highlight how our dedication to technology and innovation is transforming government operations to better serve you. Innovation is not limited to the private sector; it is fundamental to how Beachwood functions, making our city safer, more responsive, and more convenient for everyone.

### Modernizing Public Safety

Public safety is the top priority for my administration, and new technology is helping us uphold that responsibility more effectively than ever. We have deployed traffic signal preemption systems that allow emergency vehicles to safely clear intersections by communicating with traffic lights. These tools improve response times, reduce collisions, and save lives.

Our Information Technology and Police Departments also oversee more than 350 cameras located throughout public property and intersections. These systems, equipped for license plate reading, traffic monitoring, and security surveillance, help ensure the safety of our residents, businesses, and visitors. In addition, flashing beacon crosswalks at key intersections, including near Beachwood Place, provide safer passage for pedestrians and reflect our ongoing dedication to innovation in community well-being.

### Enhancing Convenience for Residents

Our modernization efforts extend beyond safety. The IT Department has introduced Frontline software, which enables residents to request overnight parking permission and vacation checks online. The Community Services Department has likewise launched a streamlined registration system for Beachwood camp programs, saving families time while making operations more efficient.

Recognizing that financial convenience is just as essential, the city has transitioned to a cashless payment system. Now,

Apple Pay, Google Pay, and other digital payment options are available for city fees, memberships, and registrations, making transactions faster, more secure, and more convenient.

### Improving Communication and Engagement

We also understand that keeping residents informed is key to effective government. A new changeable-copy sign at Richmond and Fairmount offers timely updates on community events and announcements in a high-traffic location.

Beyond this, we are tailoring digital communications by allowing residents to opt into specific email lists. Whether your interests are senior programs, economic development, or even pickleball, you can now receive timely updates that matter most to you.

### Looking Ahead

Innovation is not just about adopting new technology—it's about embracing a mindset of continuous improvement. In Beachwood, we utilize these tools to enhance city services, making them safer, smarter, and more efficient. By integrating sustainability-focused technologies, advancing digital convenience, and strengthening our communication channels, we are building a city government that reflects the needs and expectations of today's residents while preparing for tomorrow. Together, we are shaping the future for a more intelligent and better-connected Beachwood.

Sincerely,



**Mayor Justin Berns**  
MayorBerns@beachwoodohio.com



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## Legislative Update

*August 4 - September 15*

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.

### August 4 City Council Meeting

**Infrastructure Improvements:** City Council approved a change order to phase two of the Timberlane/Green Sanitary Relief Sewer project. During phase one of the construction, it was determined that the existing water main — originally installed in 1927 — must be replaced to ensure safe and dependable service for decades to come. The work is ongoing and is expected to be completed by late fall.

### September 2 City Council Meeting

**Infrastructure Improvements:** Council members voted to approve the Public Works Department's recommendation for a third-party engineer to begin the design work for the Richmond/Chagrin I-271 Corridor Project. Osborn Engineering has been selected for this project. The design phase is planned for 2026–2027, with construction expected to begin in 2028 and continue into 2029.

### September 15 City Council Meeting

**Economic Development:** City Council approved ordinances authorizing Beachwood Economic Impact Program Forgivable Loan Agreements with 911 Cellular, LLC and Surgical Theater, Inc. The program is designed to stimulate economic development, support small businesses, and encourage business attraction, retention, and expansion. These loans also aim to foster new employment opportunities, business growth, and long-term commercial sustainability in Beachwood.



**Community Engagement:** City Council has unanimously approved a resolution to rename City Park West as Gorden Gateway Park, paying tribute to former Mayor Merle S. Gorden for his remarkable 23 years of leadership. Mayor Gorden holds the distinction of being the longest-serving mayor in the city's history, guiding Beachwood through more than two decades of growth and progress. The renaming recognizes his lasting contributions and commitment to the community.

Details about the official renaming ceremony will be shared in an upcoming issue of the *Beachwood Buzz*.

*Left: Merle S. Gorden, who served as Mayor of the City of Beachwood from 1995-2017.*

### STAY ENGAGED IN YOUR COMMUNITY:



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

## Halloween Fun & Safety

Halloween is just around the corner, bringing plenty of opportunities for candy, costumes, and community fun. Beachwood Police and Fire will be joining several Trunk or Treat events listed below, which are free and open to the public.

On **Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m.**, if you're participating in **Trick or Treat**, please turn on your porch light. Pedestrians are encouraged to cross streets carefully, and drivers are reminded to use extra caution on the roads that evening. Beachwood Police will also be out patrolling and available to assist with any concerns.

- **Cuyahoga Community College Annual Trunk or Treat**  
Wednesday, Oct. 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Tri-C Eastern Campus, 4250 Richmond Rd., Highland Hills, OH 44122
- **Beachwood Schools PTO Third Annual Trunk or Treat**  
Sunday, Oct. 26, 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
Beachwood High School, 25100 Fairmount Blvd., Beachwood, OH 44122
- **Operation Safe Halloween Trunk or Treat**  
Thursday, Oct. 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Cleveland Justice Center, 1200 Ontario St., Cleveland, OH 44113



### UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

**City Council:**  
Oct. 20 at 7:00 p.m.  
Nov. 3 at 7:00 p.m.

**Planning & Zoning:**  
Oct. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

**Architectural Board of Review:**  
Oct. 7 at 4:30 p.m.  
Oct. 20 at 4:30 p.m.

# Work - Live - Learn - Thrive

## Partners in Progress: City and Schools Building a Stronger Beachwood

Beachwood thrives on collaboration. From our neighborhoods and businesses to our classrooms, partnerships make our city the model community it is today. One of the strongest examples of that teamwork is the relationship between Beachwood City Schools and the City of Beachwood. Together, they're ensuring that our residents benefit from excellent schools, safe neighborhoods, and responsible financial decisions leading to stable tax rates.

### Keeping Taxes Low, Building for the Future

This summer, Beachwood City Schools announced that it will use a portion of the settlement it received from its lawsuit against Warrensville Heights City Schools to help fund construction of two new elementary schools, Hilltop and Bryden, without raising the community's effective tax rate.

Superintendent Dr. Bob Hardis, Board of Education President Megan Walsh, and Treasurer Matthew Brown shared the news at a special City Council meeting on Aug. 4.

Walsh thanked Council members for their support: "By making this commitment, Beachwood Schools was able to finance the borrowing for our elementary school construction project in such a way that taxpayers saw no increase in their effective tax rate."

Brown added, "We've been very appreciative of this collaboration and are pleased to announce the Board of Education's continuation of maintaining low taxes for our community members."



Dr. Bob Hardis

Dr. Hardis echoed their appreciation, explaining that the settlement funds will allow the district to cover costs without raising the community's effective millage rate: "We're very proud that this partnership with the City of Beachwood will result in our community adding modern elementary school facilities while ensuring that taxpayers see no increase — keeping effective property tax rates flat through 2030."

### A Financial Strategy Benefiting the Community

This move builds on a 2022 decision by City Council to pause the collection of its 2.4-mill charter assessment for three years, allowing the schools to direct those funds, more than \$2 million each year, toward district improvements. That partnership kept property tax rates flat while making progress possible.

Beachwood's leadership has shown that smart, forward-thinking planning can benefit everyone—our schools, our homeowners, and our city as a whole. By 2027, the city will recoup those funds and reinvest them in transformative projects, enhanced



Bryden Elementary Groundbreaking

city services, and initiatives that

will continue to strengthen Beachwood's financial foundation for years to come.

"Every decision we make is with our community in mind — whether that's providing resources for our schools, ensuring financial stability for our city, or keeping taxes steady for our residents," said Mayor Justin Berns. "This partnership proves that when we work collaboratively, everyone in Beachwood benefits."

"I am very proud of the fact that the city and schools have built a strong partnership over the years, so that when this unique and innovative opportunity came along, we were able to immediately get to work on the details, benefiting every property taxpayer in our city without delay," says Beachwood City Council President Alec Isaacson. "The city's financial strength and stability gave us a 'win-win-win', permitting us to seize this opportunity to provide our residents with brand new school buildings, without risking any reduction to our high-quality city services, and while keeping every resident's property tax rates flat until at least 2030."



SRO Colton Pekarski, Bike to School Day

### Safe Schools, Safe Community

Collaboration doesn't stop at finances. Beachwood City Schools and the Beachwood Police Department have partnered to assign School Resource Officers (SROs) to every school building. Beachwood is one of the few districts in the state to have designated SROs in every building. These officers provide security, conduct patrols, and, just as importantly, build positive relationships with students, staff, and families.

Beachwood has also taken a leadership role in public safety. Our city was the first in Ohio to earn the Store It Safe City designation in partnership with the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The program promotes firearm safety education and has expanded into the schools, led by head School Resource Officer and program ambassador Colton Pekarski.

### One Community, One Vision

From building new schools without raising tax rates to keeping our campuses safe, the City of Beachwood and Beachwood City Schools are demonstrating what's possible when community leaders collaborate for the benefit of their community. With Superintendent Hardis and the Board of Education leading the way in education, and Mayor Berns and City Council guiding strong, innovative governance, Beachwood continues to be a model for Northeast Ohio.





# Beachwood Police Chief Dan Grispino Appointed to FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force Executive Board



Chief Dan Grispino

The Beachwood Police Department announces the appointment of Chief Dan Grispino to the executive board of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). This prestigious role strengthens collaboration between federal authorities and local law enforcement agencies.

The JTTF Executive Board plays a crucial role in fostering effective communication, coordination, and cooperation among task force officers and partner agencies. Board members, all current law enforcement executives from across Northeast Ohio, were selected following a rigorous selection process conducted by the FBI.

To serve, members must complete an extensive background investigation and secure a "Top Secret" federal security clearance. This clearance grants access to classified intelligence on active and potential terrorist threats and investigations throughout the region.

Chief Grispino's appointment ensures that Beachwood remains closely connected to real-time intelligence about terrorist activity. By participating in high-level briefings and interagency coordination, he will be able to apply this knowledge to strengthen the safety and preparedness of the Beachwood community.

"Chief Grispino's appointment to the JTTF Executive Board is both an honor and a significant advantage for our city," said Beachwood Mayor Justin Berns. "His access to critical intelligence will help ensure that Beachwood remains one of the safest and most secure communities in Northeast Ohio."

## Shred Day Results

Thank you to all the residents who participated in our September Shred Day! 375 Beachwood residents took part, securely discarding 9,800 pounds (4.9 tons) of documents, promoting both privacy and environmental responsibility.

This free event is made possible through a Recycling Awareness Grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. The city offers two free shred days each year, one in the spring and one in late summer or early fall.

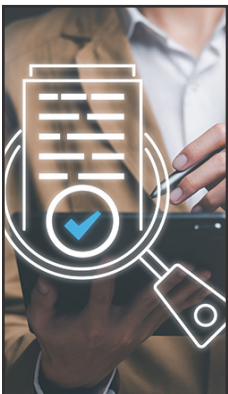


Left to right: Shannon Diamond, Derek Schroeder, Matt Olson, Matt Miller, Dano Montoni, Harvey Rose, Tony Aveni

## Veterans Day Ceremony, Nov. 9

The Beachwood Historical Society and the City of Beachwood partner to commemorate Veterans Day with an annual ceremony at the Beachwood Cemetery. The location is the final resting place for 40 soldiers from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican-American War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II.

The ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9, featuring dignitaries, local veterans and the presentation of colors. Please join us for this special occasion.



## City Received Clean Audit

The City of Beachwood announces the release of its Fiscal Year 2024 audit, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. and reviewed and accepted by the Auditor of State's Office. We are proud to report that the audit is completely clean — with no management letter and no findings — representing the highest opinion a city can achieve. We thank Charles E. Harris & Associates for their professionalism and dedication throughout this process.

In addition, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has presented the City of Beachwood with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the 2023 Fiscal Year. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental financial reporting, honoring excellence in the preparation of financial statements that are clear, transparent, and fully compliant with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and applicable legal requirements.



# October Recreation Guide

## A Tail-Wagging Finale at the Aquatic Center

On Thursday, Sept. 4, the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center hosted its annual Dog Paddle, giving our four-legged friends the final swim of the season. More than 100 dogs made a splash, paddling, chasing toys, and enjoying a tail-wagging good time.

Owners lined the poolside, cheering on their pets, snapping photos, and soaking in the fun. The Dog Paddle has become a favorite end-of-summer tradition, bringing neighbors together and celebrating community in a lighthearted way.

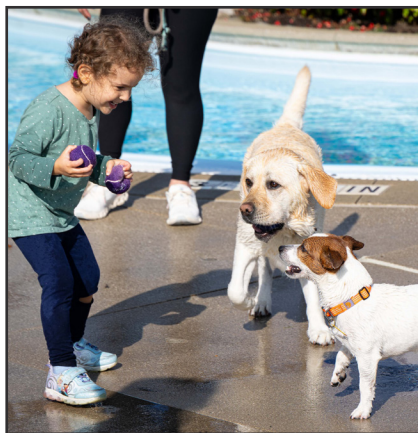
Thank you to everyone who joined us; we couldn't think of a better way to close out the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center season than with wagging tails and smiling faces! Proceeds from the event benefit the Barkwood fund.



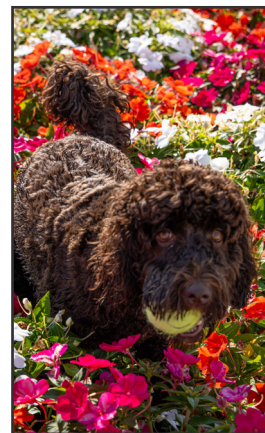
*Our four-legged friends are always prepared for a swim.*



*Event photography captured by Discovery Photo.*



*All smiles for a good game of fetch, poolside or in the flower bed!*



**BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:** A Celebration of Life | Oct. 22 - Nov. 18 | Reception on Oct. 26 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
An exhibition under the direction of Herbert Ascherman and the Beachwood Photo Group.

## Camaraderie and Celebration at Inaugural Senior Picnic

On Aug. 20, the City of Beachwood proudly welcomed 85 seniors to our inaugural Senior Picnic at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center! Guests enjoyed food, games, music, and a heartfelt celebration of our newest 50-year residents.

On behalf of Mayor Justin Berns and City Council, certificates were presented by Council Vice President Danielle Shoykhet, along with commemorative blankets to honor this incredible milestone.

Congratulations to our honorees: Sharon Comet-Epstein, Ellie Davis, Rebecca Duncan, Barbara Firstenberg, Erika Gold, Judy Kahn, Carol Mandel, Ellen Miles, Martin Saltzman, Doris Simpson, Ezra Steiger, and Karen Steiger.

Thank you for 50 years of dedication, residency, and contributions to the spirit of our Beachwood community!



*Council V.P. Danielle Shoykhet (left) pictured with Beachwood's 50-year residents.*





## Paddle Up Champions

Paddle Up Pickleball Club completed its second summer session in August, celebrating another season of exciting competition and crowning new champions. The Tuesday night intermediate league featured 12 competitive teams, with the Carbon Bros. — led by Jason Miller and Mark Nosin — emerging as champions. On Sunday mornings, the beginner league wrapped up with Tanutda and Dennis Devine of Simply Devine claiming the top spot.

Paddle Up is now hosting its fall league to close out the 2025 season. The City of Beachwood extends sincere appreciation to Paddle Up's dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment in organizing league play this year.



Tuesday League: Carbon Bros.



Sunday League: Simply Devine

FALL 2025

*Youth*  
**BAKING**

Ages:  
3-10 years

Beachwood Community Center

Seasonal fun with your little one through our Adult & Me opportunities or turn your young baker loose with an Independent Baking Class! Our fall-themed one-day sessions teach basic baking skills, and the best part—no mess at home!

Adult & Me: Ages 3-6  
Independent: Ages 6-10

**Upcoming Sessions:**

**Monster Snack**  
Sunday, October 26  
Adult & Me: 3:00-4:00 PM  
Residents \$34, Non-Res. \$41  
Independent: 4:30-5:30 PM  
Residents \$39, Non-Res. \$47

**Pumpkin Bread**  
Sunday, November 23  
Adult & Me: 3:00-4:00 PM  
Residents \$32, Non-Res. \$38  
Independent: 4:30-5:30 PM  
Residents \$39, Non-Res. \$47

**REGISTER ONLINE:**  
[BeachwoodRec.com](https://BeachwoodRec.com)

## Wellness Retreats with Julie Konrad

Join Julie Konrad, veteran yoga and meditation instructor and health counselor, for an uplifting afternoon designed to boost your mood, mind, and body. Julie will share simple concepts and demos to help you balance your body, stimulate your mind, and revitalize your health. Participants will also be guided through a gentle movement practice for all abilities.

If you're looking for practical ways to prevent illness, stay vibrant, and support your immunity — all while having fun — this retreat series is for you! Each session includes surprises and gifts for a special experience. Register for one retreat or multiple at [BeachwoodRec.com](https://BeachwoodRec.com). Just \$31 for residents and \$37 for non-residents per session.

### SESSIONS: Sundays, 1-3 p.m. Community Center

- October 12
- November 9
- January 18
- February 1
- March 8



## Beachwood Seniors

### • Seniors Create - Bottle Cap Art

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Community Center

Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just starting out, enjoy a relaxing and inspiring atmosphere filled with color, creativity and fun. All materials are provided. Residents are \$16 each and non-residents are \$19. Sign up by Oct. 8.

### • AARP and Alzheimer's Association Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 11:30 a.m., Community Center

Discover the six pillars of brain health and 10 warning signs for early Alzheimer's detection. The latest research, lifestyle suggestions, and more will be shared. Registration is free. Sign up by Nov. 5.

## October Meet & Eat

### The Life and Music of Tony Bennett

Thursday, Oct. 16, Noon, Community Center

Residents \$14, Non-Residents \$17, Program Only \$6

Register by Oct. 9.

Tony Bennett is one of the most cherished vocalists of our time, with a remarkable career that began in the 1950s and spanned seven decades. His timeless voice and heartfelt performances have captivated fans of all ages — from millennials to centenarians. Join Debbie Darling as she takes you on a musical journey through his life and career.

Meal choices include beef Bolognese or grilled garden vegetables with couscous, served with bread, beverage, and dessert. A gluten-free option is available.

# WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Business Compass Podcast: Two-Part Summit Series

This month, the City of Beachwood's Business Compass Podcast is highlighting two significant events that will spark innovation and growth in Northeast Ohio. In a special two-part series, listeners will gain an inside look at the upcoming summits and their impact on the local business community.



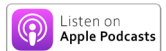
### Part One: Beachwood & Solon Chambers of Commerce AI Summit

Artificial intelligence is rapidly transforming the way businesses operate and grow. In this episode, David Lapierre (*left*), Executive Director of the Beachwood Area Chamber of Commerce, and Charles Dull (*right*), Dean of Computer Science at Tri-C Community College, preview the upcoming AI Summit presented by the Beachwood and Solon Chambers of Commerce. Their conversation explores how AI is being applied in practical ways to support profitability, while also offering a glimpse into the networking, demonstrations, and innovative solutions that attendees can expect at the Oct. 23 event.



### Part Two: The Female Entrepreneurship Summit

The second episode shines a spotlight on women entrepreneurs, whose businesses are fueling job creation and reinvestment. Renée DeLuca Dolan (*right*) of Contempo Design and Communications discusses the upcoming Female Entrepreneur Summit, a day-long symposium on Oct. 22 designed to connect and empower women business leaders, with Economic Development director Catherine Biertman. The episode highlights the energy, inspiration, and growth opportunities the summit provides.



## Women Leaders in Economic Development

Beachwood Economic Development Director Catherine Biertman recently served as a panelist at the Ohio Women in Government meeting, where discussion focused on women's leadership and its role in economic growth. Biertman highlighted Beachwood's initiatives to attract and grow companies, emphasized regional collaboration, and addressed barriers to investment in Northeast Ohio.



Left to right: Catherine Biertman, City of Beachwood; Kendra Cundiff, Team NEO; Christine Nelson, Team NEO; Julia Wynn, Ohio Women in Government; Mayor Annette Blackwell, Maple Heights; Becky Watts, G2G

The panel, moderated by Kendra Cundiff of Team NEO, also included Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell and Christine Nelson of Team NEO, and explored strategies for inclusive economic growth and stronger business opportunities.

## New Programs Support Business Growth

Several new programs launched by the State of Ohio and regional partners are now available to support business expansion and attract top talent to the region.

The **Ohio Export Internship Program** helps small and medium-sized businesses strengthen their export efforts and compete in international markets.

The **JobsOhio Relocation Incentive** provides direct financial support for Ohio employers in 10 key sectors to attract out-of-state STEM and technical professionals, helping companies grow their specialized workforce.

The **Northeast Ohio Development Exchange (NODE)** offers business owners, economic developers, and public officials a forum to connect, collaborate, and share best practices. Regular meetings foster relationships across industries and highlight regional assets that strengthen local communities.

For more information, contact the **Beachwood One-Stop Business Resource Center** at 216.292.1915.

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# Beachwood City Schools Receives Auditor of State Award with Distinction



**B**eachwood City Schools has once again received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction from Auditor of State Keith Faber's office. The prestigious award places the district among the top 4% of 6,000 public schools and government entities recognized for a clean audit in fiscal year 2024.

"By keeping accurate financial records, governing bodies demonstrate their commitment to efficient, effective, and transparent service," Auditor Faber said. "This award honors public entities that have put in hard work to keep their finances in order."

To qualify for this distinction, entities must meet rigorous criteria, including:

- Timely submission of financial reports with the Auditor of State's office by the statutory due date and preparation of an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

- An audit report free of findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, or questioned costs.
  - Having no other financial or other concerns in the entity.
- "This recognition reflects the high standards that we hold

in managing public funds and maintaining fiscal transparency," Beachwood Schools Treasurer/CFO Matt Brown said. "The award is a reflection of the hard work of our dedicated finance team and underscores the importance of collaboration at every level of our district."

## Beachwood Schools Back-to-School Celebration

Beachwood Schools kicked off the 2025-2026 school year with a back-to-school celebration on Aug. 11 at the stadium. From great food and

activities to music, it was the perfect way to kick off the new school year. Thank you to our students, families, staff, and community partners who

helped make the event so special. A special thanks to our sponsors: Beachwood Schools PTO, AVI FoodSystems, and Beachwood Athletic Boosters.



## First Day of School at Beachwood

Students and staff returned to Beachwood Schools for the start of the 2025-2026 school year on August 18-19 with excitement, energy, and anticipation for the year ahead. Families and buses pulled up

with waves, hugs, and lots of smiles at drop-offs around the district. As the new academic year begins, we look forward to a journey filled with growth,

discovery, friendship, and unforgettable memories.



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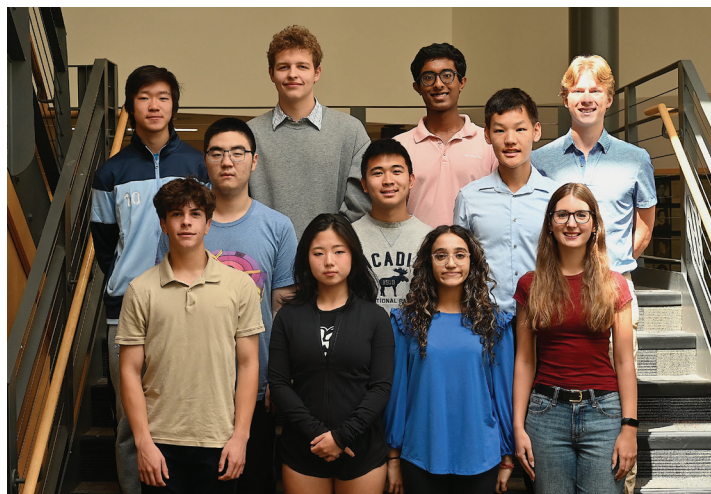
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## Eleven Seniors Named National Merit Semifinalists

Beachwood High School continues to set a high bar for academic excellence with a record 11 students from the Class of 2026 earning recognition as National Merit Semifinalists in the prestigious National Merit Scholarship program. With 133 seniors in this year's class, this achievement places Beachwood High School among an elite group of high schools throughout the country with such a high percentage of students honored in a single graduating class.

The Semifinalists - Dotan Dana, Charlotte Doughty, Karina Krishnan, Leo Kuenzler, Jiahe Liu, Shamith Murthy, Aliaksei Sharakou, Anna Tonyushkin, Junbo Wang, Leo Wang, and Tony Zheng - will now advance to the next stage of the competition with a chance to become National Merit Finalists.

Students advancing to the Finalist stage are eligible to compete for scholarships totaling nearly \$30 million, which will be awarded in the spring.



"We are thrilled to see so many of our students recognized as National Merit Semifinalists," said Beachwood High School Principal Paul Chase. "These achievements reflect not only their hard work and perseverance, but also the commitment of our teachers and the support of their families. This is a proud moment for the Beachwood community."

## BHS Students Earn Seal of Biliteracy

A total of 33 Beachwood High School students were honored at the Board of Education meeting on Aug. 11 for earning the Seal of Biliteracy. The award recognizes high school students who have attained high levels of proficiency in English and at least one other language. Eligibility is based upon students' performance on Ohio

state tests for English language arts and qualifying foreign language proficiency examinations. Congratulations to the following students for earning the Seal of Biliteracy:

### American Sign Language

Sawyer Borland, Sami Stimpert

### Chinese

Jessie Gao, Jiacheng Kuang, Kevin Zhang, Lyndia Zheng

### Hebrew

Dotan Dana, Rachel Wolf

### Korean

Ida Chang, Yeru Shim

### Spanish

Benjamin Allen, Ida Chang, Ethan Dong, Charlotte Doughty, Kendall Finley, Asher Gearity, Srishti Ithychanda, Morgan Jackson, Siena James, Alexandra Kheyfets, Karina Krishnan, Leo Kuenzler, Elizabeth Liu, Chyen Melton, Taia Menefee, Oleksandr Rabochii, Allison Rindsberg, Angelica Tall, Ilana Thal, Anna Tonyushkin, Lorena Tovanche, Junbo Wang, Leo Wang, Maria Zarjetskiy, Lyndia Zheng





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## Beachwood Schools Presents *Freaky Friday* as Fall Musical

Beachwood's Bison Theatre program is proud to present its fall musical, *Freaky Friday*, from Nov. 14-16 at the Beachwood High School Auditorium. Based on the celebrated novel by Mary Rodgers and the hit Disney film, *Freaky Friday* follows an overworked mother and her teenage daughter who magically swap bodies and have just one day to make things right again. By spending a day in each other's shoes, they come to appreciate one another's struggles, learn self-acceptance, and realize the immeasurable love and mutual respect that bond a mother and daughter.

Directed by Taylor Mortensen and Johnathan Luster, produced by Topher Helm, choreographed by Haley Luster, with musical direction by Mortensen, the musical showcases the talents of approximately 40 high school and middle school students on stage and behind the scenes.

### Performances are scheduled for:

- Friday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m.

Tickets will be available for purchase at [www.beachwoodschoools.org/tickets](http://www.beachwoodschoools.org/tickets).

## New 2025-26 Staff

Beachwood Schools welcomed more than 20 new staff to the district prior to the start of the school year. The new staff orientation included information sessions and a bus tour of Beachwood to introduce new hires to the community. Please join us in welcoming:

- Kariti Barre, Special Education Assistant at Hilltop
- Linda Blackwood, Special Education Assistant at Fairmount Early Childhood Center
- Chase Branca, Fifth Grade Social Studies Teacher at Hilltop
- Gabrielle Croes, Intervention Specialist at Hilltop
- Rachel Desai, School Psychologist at Hilltop and Beachwood Middle School
- Sydney Keinath, Intervention Specialist at Bryden and Fairmount Early Childhood Center
- Rachel Kraus, Preschool Teacher at Fairmount Early Childhood Center
- Jessica Mitchell, Science Teacher at Beachwood High School

## Town Hall Meetings on District Goals

# TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Join us to provide input on our draft District Goals

**OCT 23** OR **NOV 6**

**7PM - 9PM**  
BEACHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
COMMUNITY ROOM

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[WWW.BEACHWOODSCHOOLS.ORG](http://WWW.BEACHWOODSCHOOLS.ORG)

Beachwood City Schools is inviting parents, students, staff, and community members to attend upcoming Town Hall Meetings focused on the district's draft goals. The meetings will take place on Thursday, Oct. 23, and Thursday, Nov. 6. Both sessions will be held from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Beachwood High School Community Room. **Childcare will be available at both Town Hall Meetings.**

Stakeholders are encouraged to attend the sessions to learn more about the proposed goals, ask questions, and provide valuable input regarding district goals. To RSVP for the meetings, please scan the QR code and complete the form.

- Michelle Nizen, Principal at Bryden and Fairmount Early Childhood Center
- Christina Oros, Fourth Grade ELA Teacher at Hilltop
- Eileen Page, Secretary to the Principal at Hilltop
- Montgomery Parker, Spanish Teacher at Bryden and Hilltop
- Erin Rillow, Math Teacher at Beachwood Middle School
- Haley Robinson, Special Education Assistant at Hilltop
- Daniel Russell, Case Management Intervention Specialist at Beachwood High School and Hilltop
- Jessica Ruth, Marketing Teacher at Beachwood High School
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- Lexi Simmerson, Intervention Specialist at Hilltop
- Haley Sims, Special Education Assistant at Hilltop
- Stephanie Stern, Intervention Specialist at Fairmount Early Childhood Center
- Logan Wallace, Special Education Assistant at Bryden
- Brandon Weeber, Special Education Assistant at Fairmount Early Childhood Center

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## Spirit Squad Launches at BHS

The Beachwood High School Spirit Squad has officially launched, bringing new energy and enthusiasm around the high school and community this year. The new group is dedicated to building school pride and creating a fun, positive atmosphere at events throughout the year.

The squad made its much-anticipated debut with a beach-themed celebration at the boys soccer match on Aug. 15. Just days later, more than 100 students brought the same excitement to the football season opener, helping to kick off the season with high energy.

The Spirit Squad is slated to appear at nine fall contests, each one filled with creative themes and spirited cheers designed to boost school pride and create a celebratory atmosphere.



## Wrestling & Track State Champions Honored



Beachwood High School celebrated five of its most accomplished student-athletes from last season with the unveiling of State Championship Hall of Fame photos in the gymnasium and recognition at the football season opener.

The event honored wrestler Caleb Greenwood who won the OHSAA Division III Wrestling state title at 150 pounds, and the track quartet of K'Dyn Harris-Tate, Marley Readance, Meena Abdul-Basser, and Kyrsten Ginn who captured the OHSAA Division II state championship in the 4x200-meter relay. Surrounded by family, coaches, staff, and community members, the standout athletes proudly unveiled their photos on the Wall of Champions.

Following the unveiling of the photos, the five honorees joined the Beachwood football captains at midfield for the coin toss prior to the season opener. Greenwood had the honor of flipping the coin. Their recognition continued at halftime, where the five state champions were formally introduced and celebrated before the home crowd.

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### Recent Resolutions

- Recognized students who earned the Seal of Biliteracy
- Study session on District goals
- Presentation of Five-Year Forecast

### Upcoming Board Actions

- Recognize National Merit semifinalists and commended scholars
- Special Meetings (Town Halls on Oct. 23 and Nov. 6) for District Goals
- Public hearing on approval of 2027-2028 district calendar

### Board Meeting Calendar

- Monday, Oct. 13 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 27 @ 7:00 p.m.



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## EVENTS CALENDAR



### Orchestra Halloween Spooktacular

Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m.  
Beachwood High School  
25100 Fairmount Blvd.

### National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m.  
Beachwood High School  
25100 Fairmount Blvd.

### Special Board Meeting - District Goals Town Hall

Oct. 23, 7:00 p.m.  
Beachwood High School Community Room  
25100 Fairmount Blvd.



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## Aubrei Erkins Named to 2025 Who's Who in Black Cleveland

Beachwood High School assistant principal Aubrei Erkins has been named one of Who's Who in Black Cleveland 2025. This recognition honors African American leaders across industries who are making meaningful contributions to their communities.

Erkins was formally honored at the Who's Who in Black Cleveland celebration on Sept. 8 at the InterContinental Cleveland where community members, business leaders, and educators gathered to recognize this year's honorees.

"Aubrei's recognition in Who's Who in Black Cleveland reflects the outstanding impact that she makes each day in the lives of our students," Beachwood Superintendent Robert Hardis said. "We are extremely proud to see Aubrei recognized and included with other area leaders."

Now in her fifth year as assistant principal at Beachwood High School, Erkins has proven to be a dedicated leader who prioritizes student success, academic excellence, and opportunities for all students. She began her time at Beachwood after serving as a teacher in Warrensville Heights for one year, and as a teacher and Director of Athletics in East Cleveland City Schools for 11 years.

## Mary Deitrick & Karen Carter Receive Crystal Apples

Beachwood City Schools proudly congratulates 2025 Crystal Apple Award recipients Mary Deitrick and Karen Carter. Deitrick, a physical education teacher at Hilltop, and Carter, a bus driver, were nominated by their colleagues for their exceptional commitment to our district and students. The Crystal Apple awards were presented at the annual staff Convocation on Aug. 12.

During the presentation, Hilltop principal Amy Pinney praised Deitrick as an educator who makes all students feel instantly welcomed when they walk into her classroom. Pinney added, "She builds strong, meaningful relationships with her students, always encouraging them to see their own potential and believe in what they can achieve. She teaches students to be kind, compassionate humans, nurtures their love for learning, and equips them with valuable life skills that will carry them far beyond the classroom."

Transportation coordinators Heather Farkas and Susan Augusta highlighted the significant impact Carter makes on students on a daily basis, noting that Carter's patience is one of the qualities that make her a positive role model

in our department. In addition, they said "This driver has a gift in working with students and always takes that extra bit of time to engage with them, getting to know them, and explaining bus safety. Her heartfelt communication with parents is also highly valued."



Mary Deitrick and Karen Carter

# El Sueño Americano / The American Dream

Exploring the Migrant Experience at the U.S./Mexico Border

Photographer Tom Kiefer's *El Sueño Americano / The American Dream* is now on view at the Maltz Museum in Beachwood through Feb. 16, 2026. This show features the photographs of Tom Kiefer and artwork of Elizabeth Z. Pineda, which bring to light the otherwise invisible facets of migrants' experiences crossing the border between Mexico and the United States. Each artist's work provides a forum for discussions on borders, humanity, and the lengths people will go to in order to seek a better life for themselves and those they love.

Tom's contemporary still-life photographs feature the personal possessions of migrants and asylum seekers that U.S. Border Patrol agents confiscated and discarded from 2003 to 2014. Although the names and stories of the migrants are unknown, each photograph evokes a unique story bound to the lost owners of the objects.

Elizabeth is a multidisciplinary artist originally from Mexico City. Her works explore complex issues related to migration, identity, displacement, and migrant deaths in the Arizona desert.

## About Tom Kiefer

Tom studied fine art and photography at The University of Washington, in Seattle, and moved to LA in 1981 where he worked as a graphic design artist for 10 years. His work as a visual artist working on paper transitioned into 3-D by becoming an owner of an antique store.

From 2003 to 2014, to support his creative practice, Tom took a job as a janitor at a U.S. Customs and Border Protection processing facility in Southern Arizona. A few years into this role, he was given permission to collect food items that migrants and asylum seekers carried with them when crossing the desert. While sifting through the trash to retrieve the canned goods, he found personal belongings that were seized and discarded by officials – rosaries, bibles, toiletries, photos, wallets, and so much more – that were deemed potentially hazardous or nonessential.

"The cruelty of stripping away personal items from vulnerable people – items necessary for survival and personal items to remember people at home – is dehumanizing, both for those whose belongings were taken and for those who enforced the policy," Tom shared. "I began collecting these objects as a response to this cruelty, not knowing what I would do with them."

Tom spent seven years collecting these items before deciding to photograph them full time. "When I capture these objects, I do so with respect and dignity," he said, "Each object holds layers of meaning. Since we don't know the true story behind each artifact, my goal is to photograph them in a way that forces viewers to go deeper and extract their own meanings."

He added, "I did not set out to become an activist. My hope is that these photographs will encourage us all to connect with our own sense of human decency, and to advocate for compassionate and meaningful immigration reform."

## About Elizabeth Z. Pineda

Elizabeth, originally from Mexico City, immigrated to the U.S. as a child. Once her children were grown, she earned her Master of Fine Arts in Photography from Arizona State University. Elizabeth's teacher told the class that the best work comes from what we know – our stories – which sparked her artistic journey.

"I didn't want my work to be just about me," she explained. "My



Above: Featured artists Tom Kiefer and Elizabeth Z. Pineda.  
Below: Tom's photographs of toothbrushes (top) and lighters (bottom) that were retrieved from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility in Southern Arizona.



immigration story is one shared by many – people who leave everything behind in search of a new home."

Elizabeth's first piece in this show is *Ceremonia en Esta Tierra Sagrada*, a film of a day-long ceremony held in the Ironwood Forest National Monument, a place where many migrants lost their lives. Draped in a cyanotype shawl patterned with the landscape, she called out the name of each deceased and proceeded with the typing of their name on handmade corn husk paper.

"The idea of calling out each name is so that we don't forget them," she said. "Even the unnamed deserve to be remembered."

Her *Sin Nombre en Esta Tierra Sagrada* series honors these migrants. This part of the



exhibition, titled *Reverencia: Arizona Migrant Death Mapping*, consists of the migrant death archive kept by the Pima County office of the Medical Examiner and Humane Borders, with each name – along with other relevant information – printed on flowing silk panels that serve as a memorial that honors 4,355 individuals – a number that continues to grow.



"My work explores human tragedy in this terrain," Elizabeth explained. "The long flowing silks illuminate the heartbreaking information they contain."

In her *Maíz* series, Elizabeth explores themes of identity, memories, home, and belonging, with the creation of cyanotype corn husks.

"Corn represents heritage and home," she said, explaining how the fragile husks carry both cultural and personal symbolism. "By imprinting the corn husks with images, I feel connected to my own memories – such as my mother's cooking with traditional herbs – as well as the broader migrant experience, reminding viewers that home is not only a place,

but also the stories, customs, and sustenance we carry with us."

"*El Sueño Americano* tells a part of the migration story that many people never see. This exhibition uniquely humanizes the experience that takes place when people leave their lives behind in pursuit of the American dream," said Aaron Petersal, executive director of the Maltz Museum. "Many immigrants must give up connections to the past on their journey, and those objects tell their stories – about who they are and what is important to them. Tom's photography, alongside Elizabeth's imagery and artwork, asks visitors to consider what it is to give up everything for a chance at a better life."

Tom and Elizabeth were aligned when I asked about main messages they would like to share with the community.

Tom said, "My hope is that viewers can access their own empathy and compassion toward fellow human beings."

Elizabeth added, "Everyone deserves to be valued. Through this work, I want to give voice to those who no longer have one and to remind us all of the humanity at the heart of migration."

The installation includes more than 300 works of art distributed through 12 sections. Visitors will also encounter a reflection space, where they can process the exhibition and explore ways to take action. To learn more, visit [www.maltzmuseum.org](http://www.maltzmuseum.org).



From top: Silk panels, created by Elizabeth, serve as a memorial to migrants who lost their lives while crossing the desert. Cyanotype prints on corn husks: Mejorana (marjoram) and Elizabeth as a child.

## Designer Dress Days Returning to Legacy Village

Shop bargains at NCJW/CLE's three-day sale on Oct. 31, Nov. 1, and Nov. 2

### National Council of Jewish Women/Cleveland's (NCJW/CLE) Designer Dress Days, Cleveland's premier three-day fashion resale event, is back!

Designer Dress Days' (DDD) 56th sale will take place on Friday, Oct. 31 (Preview Day, \$20 admission), Saturday, Nov. 1, and Sunday, Nov. 2 at Legacy Village.

A favorite among fashion lovers and bargain hunters alike, DDD offers an extraordinary selection of new and gently-worn designer clothing, handbags, jewelry, furs, and accessories – all at incredible prices. Shoppers will find coveted brands such as Prada, Rag & Bone, Burberry, and many more.

#### Event details:

- **Friday, Oct. 31**  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Preview Day, \$20 admission
- **Saturday, Nov. 1**  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Free admission
- **Sunday, Nov. 2**  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Free admission

More than 250 dedicated volunteers help make DDD a seamless, high-energy shopping experience. The event combines the thrill of fashion finds with the fulfillment of giving back, with proceeds supporting NCJW/CLE's programming in the community.

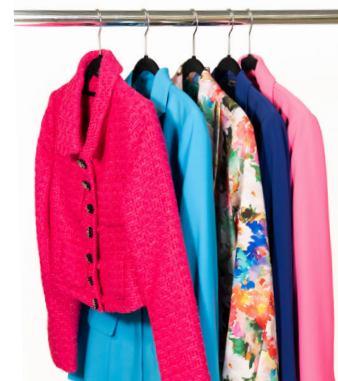
"Designer Dress Days is not just about fashion – it's about community, purpose, and giving back in style," said Barbara Goldberg, vice president of Retail Operations. "Every handbag, coat, or necklace purchased directly supports critical work in literacy, women's rights, and more. It's shopping with heart."

Proceeds pay for the organization's volunteer activities in the community, its social justice work, and educational programs. Projects include literacy improvement and providing comfort kits to survivors of sexual assault, as well as educational and advocacy

work for women's rights, voter rights, and human trafficking survivors. The organization continually assesses the community and legislative landscape to meet current needs.

Marcy Schwartz serves as NCJW/CLE president. Barbara Goldberg serves as vice president of Retail Operations.

For more information, including the event's specific location, visit [www.ncjwcleveland.org](http://www.ncjwcleveland.org) or follow @dddcleve on Facebook and Instagram.



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# Super Sunday Kickoff Raises \$1.7 Million for Jewish Cleveland's 2026 Campaign



The Jewish Federation of Cleveland officially launched the 2026 Campaign for Jewish Needs on Sunday, Sept. 7, with its annual Super Sunday Kickoff – a day of community, connection, and giving. Thanks to the dedication of hundreds of volunteers, the event raised \$1,700,298 from 1,275 pledges, providing vital dollars to keep our local Jewish community safe, strong, and welcoming, while also supporting the needs of the global Jewish community.

In addition to fundraising, attendees enjoyed a Community Village highlighting the impact of the campaign, along with inspiring stories from Federation beneficiary agencies. The day also featured delicious kosher food and kids' activities, including a bounce house, face painting, a balloon artist, and yard games, making it a true celebration for the whole family.

Special thanks go to event co-chairs Allison Brandon of University Heights, and Arica

Jacobson and Ryan Levine of Beachwood, whose leadership made the day such a success.

The Federation is the only organization in Cleveland that looks at the needs of the Jewish community as a whole and plans for its future. Remarkably, 91 cents of every dollar raised goes directly back into the community.

The 2026 Campaign for Jewish Needs runs through Dec. 10, 2025. If you missed your chance to give on Super Sunday, there's still time – make your gift online at [jewishcleveland.org](http://jewishcleveland.org).



Above, from top: Fuchs Mizrahi School volunteers. Jeff Wild, Federation board chair; Rabbi Jeremy Pappas, Federation managing director of campaign; and Amir Jaffa, general campaign chair.

Left: Ryan Levine, Super Sunday Kickoff co-chair, and his daughter Maya welcome guests to Super Sunday Kickoff.

## NCAC Right to Read Night

Following the success of last year's inaugural Book Club, the Beachwood Schools Foundation, partnering with Beachwood City Schools and the City of Beachwood, will participate in the National Coalition Against Censorship's (NCAC) Right to Read Night, a nationwide celebration of Banned Books Week and the power of free expression.

This year's featured title is *Chains*, by Laurie Halse Anderson. Join us on Thursday, Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m., at Beachwood High School for a spirited, student-led discussion about the book and censorship.

One of the discussion leaders is Beachwood senior Mirica Woodley, a student leader from last year's Book Club and a new member of

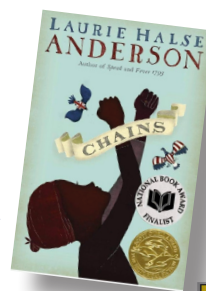
NCAC's Student Advocates for Speech Leadership Program – a national initiative developing high-school advocates for free inquiry and critical thinking. "When I learned that *Chains* was selected for Right to Read Night, I reached out to the Foundation to partner again on a book club night," Mirica shared.

Middle and high school students, parents, guardians,

alumni, and community members are invited.

To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/RtoRReg>.

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# From Beachwood Arts Council

## Von James "Sunday Sounds" Concert

**Sunday, Oct. 5 • 2-3 p.m. • Beachwood Community Center**

Von James, a popular powerhouse vocalist and recording artist, with roots in opera, jazz, and gospel, will entertain the audience with her dynamic voice and stage presence. She has performed at the Rock and



Roll Hall of Fame and the Multi Music Jazz Festival at Cain Park. Free and open to the public, the concert is sponsored by Cuyahoga Arts & Culture and Ohio Arts Council. Refreshments will follow the concert.

## Zentangle Art Program Workshop

**Saturday, Oct. 25 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Beachwood Community Center**

Have you ever doodled during a meeting? Then, you will love this Zentangle workshop, taught by Judy Montgomery! Zentangle designs are repeated patterns that, when combined, create beautiful art. The art patterns will be taught step by step, and participants will learn an assortment of tangles and will create Zentangle tiles of their own. As it can be very meditative, Zentangle can help

calm and center, as well as add a lot of fun to one's life! \$10/BAC members; \$15/non-members.

Please call 216.595.3400 by Oct. 22 to register for the workshop.



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## Just Jazz "Sunday Sounds" Concert

**Sunday, Nov. 2 • 2-3 p.m. • Beachwood Community Center**

Just Jazz will present smooth jazz and swinging pop sounds of today and yesterday, offering a collection of best-loved songs from the American Songbook.

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Tributes to the great divas of our time and Rat Pack era classics will be offered, covering the Carpenters, Beatles, Broadway music, and much more to span the ages.



## "Around the World in Art" Exhibit

**Saturday, Nov. 22 - Friday, Jan. 2 • Beachwood Community Center**

**Opening Reception: Saturday, Nov. 22, 5-7 p.m.**

**Enjoy refreshments and meet the artists.**

Beachwood Arts Council is pleased to present "Around the World in Art," an exhibit that will feature international

images by three local artists:

- Sawsan Alhaddad (oil/acrylic),
- Susan Lash (photography), and
- Richard Litwin (watercolor).



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Raffle entries cost \$10 for 10 entries and \$25 for 30 entries. The winning entry will be chosen on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Please scan the QR code and follow the link to purchase entries or visit <http://go.rallyup.com/bac60>.

Sales, which end Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m., help support the intergenerational art activities sponsored by Beachwood Arts Council.



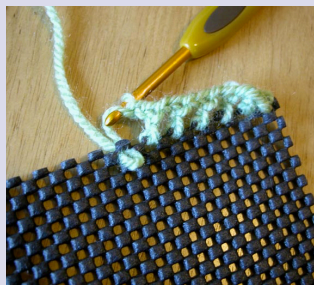
## Yarn Over Beachwood

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 Oct. 3 and Nov. 7.

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

Since YOB's inception in 2009, the group has donated over 13,750 items to more than 37 organizations – making a difference, one item at a time.

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



### 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!

## Kol Israel Foundation to Host Stand Up for Holocaust Education and Kristallnacht Commemoration



Kol Israel Foundation's (KIF) Stand Up for Holocaust Education will feature award-winning Jewish comic Cory Kahaney (*pictured*). The Nov. 2 kickoff to KIF's annual campaign will celebrate 30 years of what is now known as KIF's Face to Face® Holocaust education program.

The special event will take place on Sunday, Nov. 2, 5 p.m., at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation (27501 Fairmount Blvd.). In addition to Cory's 60-minute private performance, the evening will feature cocktails, strolling dinner, desserts, a silent art auction of works and creative experiences by emerging and established artists, and a raffle drawing.

Money raised from this event will support Face to Face, KIF's Holocaust education program that last year reached more than 66,000 individuals at 35 schools and several community



groups. The program is presented by Holocaust Survivors and descendants of Survivors who use the lessons of the Holocaust to educate people on the consequences of antisemitism, bigotry, and all forms of prejudice and hate.

Cory rose to prominence after being a finalist on NBC's hit show, *Last Comic Standing*. Her act draws on her experience as a Jewish woman.

Guests will also have the opportunity to bid on an impressive selection of art, including an original *The Pajama Diaries* comic strip from Terri Libenson and a linoleum print from Mickey Mencin, winner of the Cain Park Art Festival 2025 Judges Selection Award.

Sponsorship packages and individual tickets are available. Visit [kifcle.org/standup](http://kifcle.org/standup) or call 216.831.3754 for more details.

## 87 Years After Kristallnacht: The Pulse of Antisemitism Today

The following weekend, KIF will continue its longstanding tradition of commemorating the anniversary of Kristallnacht by hosting 87 Years After Kristallnacht: The Pulse of Antisemitism Today.

This program, also at B'nai Jeshurun, will be held on Sunday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

Kristallnacht, also known as the Night of Broken Glass, was a series of violent antisemitic attacks across Germany on Nov. 9-10, 1938. The attacks led to the smashing of windows at more than 7,500 Jewish-owned businesses, the desecration of more than 1,200 synagogues,

and the murders of at least 90 people. In modern times, the same type of hatred has spurred the Oct. 7 Hamas terror attacks and emboldened hatemongers on campuses, in congregations, and across communities.

Among those appearing at the KIF program will be John Newburger, who survived Kristallnacht as a child in Giessen, Germany. Immediately after Kristallnacht, John's father was arrested and taken to the Buchenwald concentration camp until being released on the condition of leaving Germany.

Participating in the panel discussion will be Kelly Fishman,

Ed.D., regional director of the Anti-Defamation League's Cleveland office; Gary Moody, educator at North Canton City Schools and a former United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Teacher Fellow; and Mark Swaim-Fox, president and CEO of The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio and chairperson of the Ohio Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission. Returning to moderate this year's conversation will be David Greenberg, anchor and reporter at WKYC.

The program is free, but registration is required by emailing [info@kifcle.org](mailto:info@kifcle.org).



# Pixel-perfect Beachwood Photography Group

By Arlene Fine

One look at the work produced by members of the Beachwood Photography Group and it's clear that its 22 members – including Beachwood residents Margaret Konecky, Larry Osher, Juliet Hou, William Tse, Barry Miller, and Brian Sokol – really click.

Twelve years ago, the Cuyahoga County Library system received a grant to sponsor artists in public spaces. The grant allowed each library to hire an artist for an eight-week period to teach a particular subject. Dave McNally, the adult services supervisor at the Beachwood Library, contacted Cleveland's preeminent social and portrait photographer, Herb Ascherman, and asked him to teach photography.

Herb jumped at the chance to offer a photography class at no charge to area participants. At the end of the eight-week class, Herb's students wanted more. "Much to my surprise the class members asked to continue the class and I have been the leader of the Beachwood Photography Group ever since," said Herb.

In addition to meeting monthly on Zoom where members display and critique each other's work, they often invite local and international guest speakers to share their knowledge about cultural arts and photography. Class members go on photographic outings to intriguing spots around town, take group shots at local dance companies, and display their work at libraries and galleries. They also visit the Cleveland Museum of Art for private tours of new photography exhibitions, led by photography curator Barbara Tannenbaum.

"The photographers in our group are interested in the aesthetic appeal of photography rather than its technical, manipulative practices," said Herb. "I am so flattered to be their team leader and help them expand their knowledge of photography as a fine art."

Margaret Konecky attended the very first class held at the Beachwood Library and has been a loyal and devoted group member ever since. "I have always been interested in photography," she said. "Connecting with Herb and the people in our group has been absolutely marvelous. On our first day of class, Herb said, 'I'm not going to teach you how to use your camera, I'm going to teach you how to think when you take a picture,' and that is exactly what he has focused on at each of our sessions ever since."



Herb Ascherman, left, with some snappy members of the Beachwood Photography Group.

Along with sharpening her ability to take outstanding photos, Margaret, a musical composer and podiatrist, enjoys her fellow classmates' constructive feedback and the group's easy camaraderie. "We are a diverse bunch of people who come from all walks of life, including doctors, lawyers, chemists, musicians, professional photographers, and teachers," she said. "What we share is our passion for photography and our desire to improve our finished product."

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*– Herb Ascherman*

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Having an expensive Nikon or Leica camera is not a requirement to join the group. "A lot of us use our cell phones and get wonderful pictures," said Margaret. "If you have a cell phone, you have a camera in your pocket. We learn how to use our highly refined cell phone cameras to capture the moments we want to save forever."

Margaret's advice to anyone taking a picture is to look at the subject and frame it in your mind before you click the button. "Look at the face, the hands, and the surroundings, and make sure that is how you want to capture that moment in time," she said. "If something does not belong in the



Margaret Konecky, accomplished amateur photographer, with one of her inspired photographs.

frame or the lighting is bad, I recommend not taking the picture. Stop and reframe it to get exactly what you want, which could be something really, really special."

For more information about the Beachwood Photography Group, email [herbert@aschermanphoto.net](mailto:herbert@aschermanphoto.net). Dues are \$50 a year and anyone 50 years or older is welcome.



## Beachwood Photography Group's 2025 Annual Exhibition

The Beachwood Photography Group's 2025 Annual Exhibition of 75 photographs will be on Sat., Nov. 1, 1 p.m., at the South Euclid Community Center, 1370 Victory Dr., South Euclid.

# Museum In Motion: Maltz Museum Turns Public Transportation Into an Interactive Traveling Exhibition

**N**ortheast Ohio's streets recently turned into storyboards as the Maltz Museum rolled out its newest initiative: Museum in Motion – a bold campaign transforming city buses and downtown trolleys into mobile exhibitions.

Wrapped in vibrant artwork drawn from the Museum's collections, each vehicle becomes an invitation to explore the stories inside the Maltz Museum – bringing history, culture, and conversations about identity to the streets where people live and work. Accompanied by scannable QR codes linking to more insight on the artifacts, these moving galleries are the Museum's way of feeding curiosity and building community connections.

"We want to meet people where they are – on their way to work, school, or the grocery store – and invite them to experience something powerful," said Aaron Petersal, Maltz Museum's executive director. "These buses are more than moving billboards. They're moving stories – glimpses of the art, ideas, and human experiences that define the museum. If you've never visited

before, this is your moment to see what you've been missing."

To encourage first-time visitors, the Museum is offering a \$5-off general admission coupon – easily accessed through QR codes on the wrapped vehicles or online at [maltzmuseum.org/museum-in-motion/](http://maltzmuseum.org/museum-in-motion/). It's one more way the Maltz Museum is lowering barriers and inviting all communities to engage with the stories that shape our shared humanity.

The Maltz Museum is located at 2929 Richmond Rd.

Admission is \$12 adults, \$10 seniors (60+) and students, \$5 youth (5-11), and free for Maltz Museum members and children under five.

Hours are:

- Tuesday – Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Closed on Mondays and most major holidays.

For more information, visit [www.maltzmuseum.org](http://www.maltzmuseum.org).

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## From the Chamber

### Upcoming Events

For complete details and to register,  
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#### Chamber Coffee Hour

Wednesday, Oct 15 • 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
Maltz Museum  
2929 Richmond Rd.  
Members: No charge  
Non-members: \$10

This Beachwood Chamber of Commerce coffee hour is open to all members. A museum tour is included.

#### Networking After Five

Wednesday, Nov. 19  
4:30-6:30 p.m.  
UH Ahuja Medical Center  
3999 Richmond Rd.  
Members: No charge  
Non-members: \$10

Join chamber members and guests for a networking event at the Cutler Center for Men.



### Spirit of Success Awards Banquet

It's time to celebrate your employees!

Wednesday, Dec. 10 • 5:30-9 p.m.

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The Spirit of Success Awards honor outstanding employees from local companies who embody excellence, innovation, leadership, and dedication to community success. This signature event elevates workforce achievements while strengthening ties among businesses, employees, and community stakeholders.

Our goal is to recognize outstanding employees and outstanding companies within our community. Please email your nomination choices to David Lapierre, BCC executive director, at [director@beachwood.org](mailto:director@beachwood.org). The nomination deadline is Friday, Oct. 24. Winners must be present to receive an award.





# Spruce Up Your Home This Fall

## Spruce Up Your Home: Why Your Environment Matters

**T**here's something about fall that makes us pause. Temperatures cool, colors change, the air feels crisper, and we suddenly become more aware of the spaces in which we live – how they look, function, and make us feel. It's no coincidence. As the seasons shift, our instincts urge us to create warmth and comfort before winter settles in.

According to the Institute for Integrative Nutrition, that instinct isn't just about creating cozy vibes. Their research shows that true well-being depends on balance in 12 key areas of life, one being home environment.

Your home is more than walls and furniture. It's where daily life unfolds. Science has shown that your environment actively influences your mental and physical health. Clutter and disorganization are linked to higher stress hormones, while light-filled, welcoming spaces can boost mood, focus, and even sleep quality. In other words: How you feel at home matters as much as what you eat or how often you exercise.

This fall, why not give your home the attention it deserves? By making simple, smart changes, you're not just refreshing your space, you're strengthening the foundation for overall health.

### Turn Up the Comfort

Nothing beats walking into a warm, welcoming home on a chilly autumn evening. But comfort doesn't happen by accident, it starts with preparation. Scheduling a fall

HVAC tune-up ensures your system is ready for the months ahead. Beyond keeping your family cozy, it improves energy efficiency, lowers monthly bills, and reduces the risk of unexpected breakdowns in the dead of winter.

### Safety First

Fall is the season of crackling fires, hot cocoa, and cozy nights indoors. But those simple pleasures depend on safety. Chimneys should be inspected and cleaned at least once a year to prevent blockages and fire hazards. And while you're at it, fall is also the ideal time to check your foundation. Small cracks, leaks, or shifting may seem minor now but can lead to big headaches when temperatures dip and the ground freezes.

### Light and Warmth

As days grow shorter, we naturally crave light. Fresh window coverings can completely transform the look and feel of a room, softening natural light during the day and creating privacy and warmth at night. This season, think cozy fabrics, layered textures, or sleek modern blinds that make

a statement. Even one update – a new set of drapes in the living room or shades in the bedroom – can shift the mood of your home instantly.

### Fresh Starts

Sometimes sprucing up your environment goes beyond décor or repairs and means starting somewhere new. Fall is actually one of the smartest times to buy or rent. With fewer people shopping, you'll find less competition and more motivated sellers. For renters, it's also an opportunity to lock in a great deal before winter when fewer people move.

### The Science of a Healthy Home

Research backs what we already feel: When your home environment improves, your health does too.

- **Reduced Stress:** A clean, uncluttered home lowers cortisol, the body's primary stress hormone.
- **Improved Focus:** Organized, light-filled spaces minimize distractions, boosting productivity and creativity.
- **Better Sleep:** A restful bedroom – cool, quiet, and clutter-free – supports deeper, more restorative rest.

- **Mood Boost:** Natural light, fresh colors, and warm textures can lift spirits and reduce seasonal blues.

- **Healthier Habits:** A welcoming kitchen encourages cooking at home. A tidy living room makes you want to invite friends over. A calm office makes work less stressful.

Fall is more than a season – it's an opportunity. By refreshing your home now, you're setting the stage for a healthier, more joyful winter. Whether that means a system tune-up, chimney repair, new window coverings, or even a new address, these changes go far beyond appearances.

Your home is where health begins. So light that candle, sip your tea, and ask: What small changes could make this space healthier and happier this fall? Chances are, the benefits will ripple far beyond your four walls.





## Quick Fall Refresh Tips: Make Your Home Healthier and Happier

### • Tune Your Heat

Schedule a fall HVAC checkup to stay cozy and efficient.

*Tip:* A professional inspection can prevent costly winter surprises.

### • Inspect Safety Essentials

Have your chimney repaired, repair your foundation, or plan your new addition.

*Tip:* Local specialists can walk you through these projects.

### • Refresh Your Windows

Swap out old curtains or blinds for new coverings that let in light and add warmth.

*Tip:* Even small updates can instantly boost your mood and style.

### • Consider a Fresh Start

Thinking of moving? Fall can be a smart time to buy or rent.

*Tip:* Realtors can help you find your new home before the holidays.

### • Declutter and Organize

Clear counters, closets, and living areas. Less clutter equals less stress.

*Tip:* Focus first on spaces where you spend the most time.

### • Cozy Touches Matter

Add seasonal textiles like throws, pillows, and rugs for comfort and warmth.

*Tip:* Choose textures and colors that make you smile every time you walk in.

### • Light It Up

Check lighting and replace bulbs for soft, warm illumination in the evenings.

*Tip:* Layer table lamps and floor lamps to create a cozy atmosphere.



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As Northeastern Ohio residents, we enjoy the passing of all four seasons. And, while regular maintenance is always a priority for homeowners, it's particularly important to prepare your home for the upcoming colder weather. Here are two handy checklists to help keep your home weather ready. And, remember, if you are a snowbird, be sure to winterize your home to avoid a frozen pipe disaster. Any trusted plumber can assist you with that. Please call me on my "Sell" phone at 216.338.3233 if you have any questions!

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- ☐ Get heating system serviced
- ☐ Schedule a chimney sweep
- ☐ Seal cracks around windows and doors
- ☐ Winterize sprinkler system
- ☐ Clean gutters and downspouts
- ☐ Over-seed and aerate the lawn
- ☐ Check attic vents
- ☐ Remove shower heads and clean deposits
- ☐ Test smoke detectors
- ☐ Replace HVAC filters

## Winter Checklist

- ☐ Check on insulation
- ☐ Pick up a good humidifier
- ☐ Check for drafts around windows and doors
- ☐ Inspect fire extinguishers
- ☐ Clean the range hood and filter
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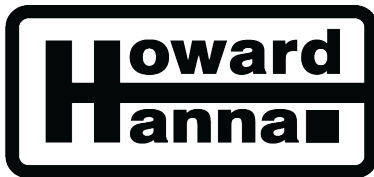
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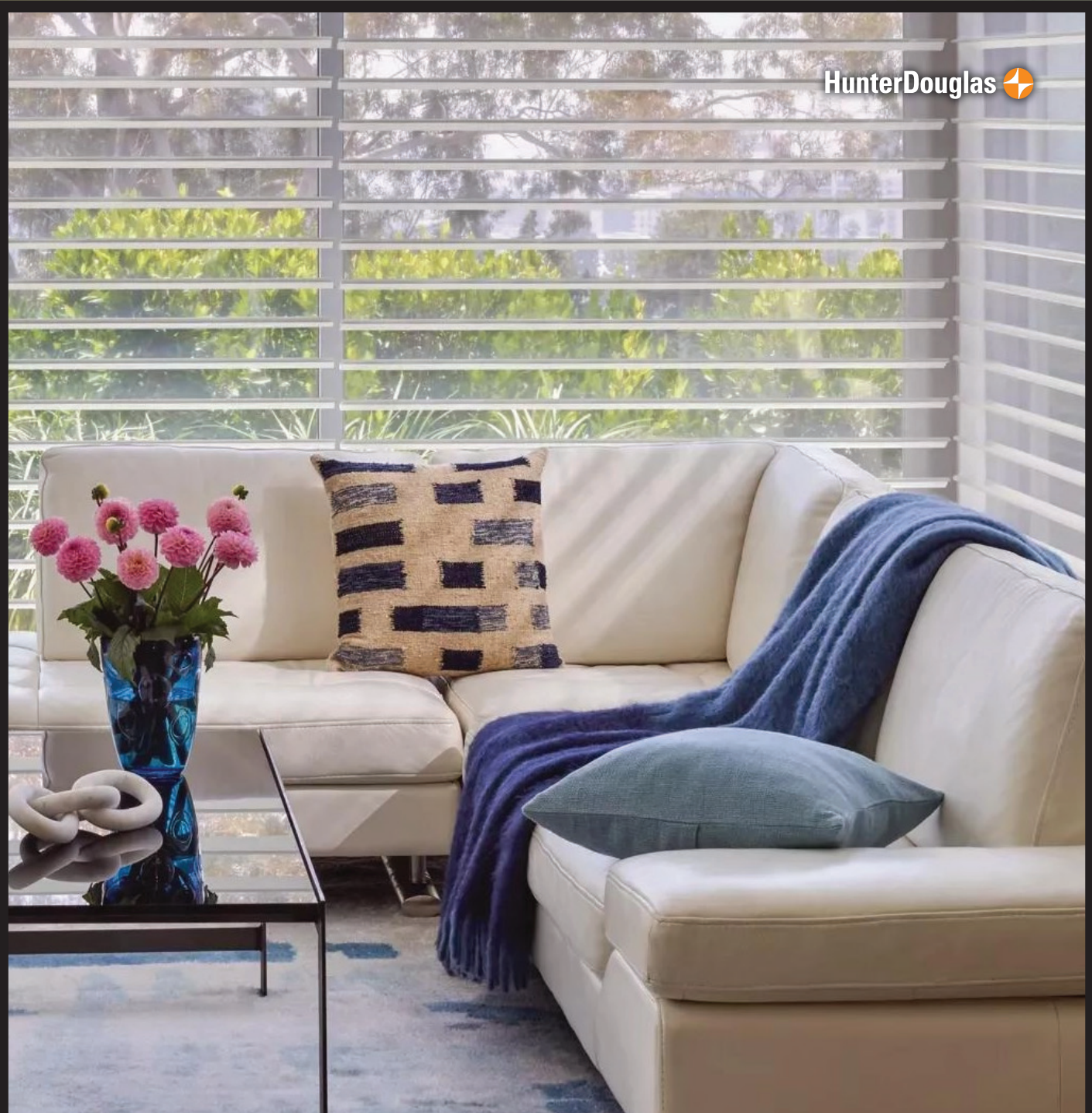
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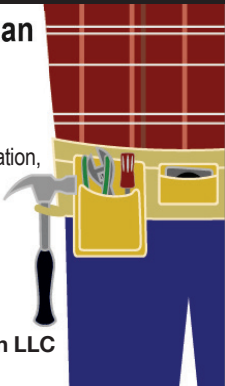
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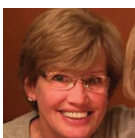


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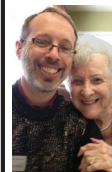
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