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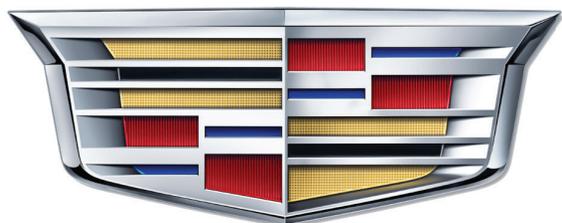
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Letter from **THE EDITOR**

By Debby Zelman Rapoport



With each year's end, my thoughts return to my sister, Darcy Alter, who passed away on Nov. 30, 2015 – and now, also to my parents, Harriet and Jerry Zelman, who have since passed as well.

With Thanksgiving behind us and the holiday season approaching, this time of year often brings a mix of gratitude and joy, heartbreak and sorrow.

Darcy deeply believed in making memories – a belief I wholeheartedly share.

Making memories doesn't have to be grand. It can be savoring the small, ordinary moments: taking a walk, laughing over a meal, watching a sunset, or capturing a candid photo on an unremarkable day. We don't have to climb mountains or travel the world to create memories – though I fully encourage both when possible.

When you consider life's fragility and the reality that our abilities will one day be limited, ask yourself: What memories have you made over the past twelve months? What memories do you want to make now? What do you hope to achieve? Where would you like to travel? Are you taking steps to make these visions real?

Imagine yourself five years from now. Would your future self be proud of the choices you're making today? Are they leading you where you want to go? If not, take action. If yes, keep moving forward so you can live without regrets.

In this spirit, I'm thrilled to share that, together with Heidi DuBois, we've created Happy Healthy Everything – a platform dedicated to happiness and wellness. As Institute of Integrative Nutrition (IIN) certified professional health coaches, we're proud to announce our first Happy Healthy Everything Retreat: a weekend experience designed to help you realign every area of your life – health, happiness, relationships, purpose, and mindset.

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Sometimes we simply need to pause, breathe, reflect, and return to where we deserve to be: grounded in the present, surrounded by people who celebrate us for who we are.

If you're ready to step into the new year with intention, confidence, and purpose, this retreat is for you. Space is limited, and we'd love to have you join us.

For details and to register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/HHERetreat>. For more information, contact Heidi at duboisheidi@gmail.com or me at beachwoodbuzz@gmail.com. Please put "Retreat" in the subject line.

My wish for you this holiday season is good health, joy, inner peace, and all that you wish for yourself.

P.S. Nov. 30 marked 10 years since Darcy lost her life to cancer. She left us with her "I Believe" list, which is reprinted on page 22.

Darcy shared this list on Oct. 3, 2015, at the bat mitzvah of her daughter, Sadie. Rabbi Rob Nosanchuk then shared it again, less than two months later, on Dec. 3, 2015, at Darcy's funeral.



THANK YOU!



WITH GRATITUDE AND COMMITMENT WE WILL CONTINUE OUR MOMENTUM TOGETHER

Thank you to the residents of Beachwood for the confidence you've placed in me to continue serving as your Mayor.

The accomplishments of the past four years are a testament to what we've achieved together. With the support of city council, city employees, and you, the residents, I'm excited to build on this progress and continue shaping Beachwood as a thriving, forward-thinking, and welcoming community for all.



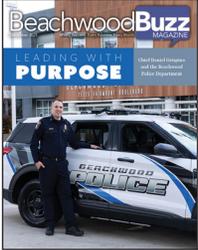
Serving you is a privilege I never take for granted - and I look forward to all we'll accomplish in the years ahead.

Mayor
JUSTIN BERNS

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Beachwood Police Chief Daniel Grispingo, from his office, shares details about his role and policing in our community.

Inset: The Runaway, by Norman Rockwell, on display in Chief Grispingo's office, is a timeless image that captures the compassion at the core of community policing.

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LEADING WITH PURPOSE

By Debby Zelman Rapoport • Photos by Scott Morrison, Discovery Photo

Chief Daniel Grispingo and the Beachwood Police Department

When Chief Daniel Grispingo took the helm of the Beachwood Police Department in September 2024, he brought a fresh vision to our community, which is known for its high standards, diversity, and civic pride. Over the past year, his focus has been on proactivity, transparency, and building trust through every interaction. Under his leadership, the department has sharpened its professional identity, invested in advanced training, strengthened school and mental-health partnerships, and ensured officers feel supported and proud of their work. For Chief Grispingo, safety isn't just the absence of crime – it's the presence of strong relationships.

With 23 years in law enforcement, including 18 years in Shaker Heights, Chief Grispingo has worked in every facet of policing, from patrol to complex investigations and all supervisory ranks. He previously led the department's largest bureau as patrol commander, and he credits mentors who emphasized integrity, high standards, and supporting others for shaping his approach. Today, he emphasizes professional excellence, transparent communication, and fostering connections both within the department and the community.

Chief Grispingo recognized that stepping into this role would require understanding the community and guiding the department through meaningful improvements. He also knew that building a strong foundation would take time, trust, and consistent relationship-building with officers to ensure everyone was aligned with the department's vision.

“Our goal is to set the gold standard in law enforcement,” Chief Grispingo said. “Professionalism isn’t optional – it’s expected in every action, every day.”

Reflecting on his first year, Chief Grispingo said, “Being named Beachwood police chief has been the biggest honor of my career. I am humbled that Mayor Berns and the city have entrusted me with this role. It’s not about the title – it’s about the impact I can have on the community, the officers, and the profession.”

“Chief Grispingo has made an extraordinary impact in a very short time,” Mayor Berns added. “His integrity and commitment to growth have elevated the department’s culture. He’s strengthened relationships with external agencies, embraced innovative policing strategies, and leads by example every day. His dedication to continuous improvement and collaboration reflects the very best of public service.

“What stands out most about Chief Grispingo is his collaborative spirit,” he added. “He’s built strong partnerships with local and federal agencies, community organizations, and the Beachwood School District – all with the goal of enhancing safety and strengthening trust. His approach shows that effective policing is rooted in relationships.”

A CITY OF VALUES AND PRIDE

Beachwood is home to roughly 13,850 residents, 2,500 businesses, and more than 100,000 daily visitors. Its thriving, diverse community is renowned for its strong schools, civic pride, and one of the highest concentrations of Jewish residents in the U.S. These demographics shape the department's priorities: protecting residents, supporting local businesses, maintaining a safe and welcoming environment, and fostering inclusion and understanding across all interactions.

The Beachwood Police Department plays a central role in sustaining the city's reputation as a safe, vibrant, and thriving community. Chief Grispino's focus extends beyond the absence of crime to cultivating trust, visibility, and partnerships that allow residents to feel secure and supported.

STRATEGIC PLAN CENTERED ON PROFESSIONALISM, ACCREDITATIONS, AND TRAINING

The department's comprehensive strategic plan emphasizes professionalism, accreditation, and training, with goals that include earning both state and national credentials to uphold best practices and transparency; fostering mentorship and wellness programs to develop future leaders; and encouraging proactive, problem-solving policing.

The department is on track to achieve national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and state certification through the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (OCLEAP), joining a select group of agencies that meet the rigorous operational standards.

CALEA accreditation requires the department to demonstrate adherence to 160 separate best-practice standards, maintain ongoing compliance, and prove that professionalism is embedded into everyday operations. Fewer than 5% of all U.S. police departments are CALEA accredited, and maintaining it requires continual accountability. CALEA examines every facet of how a department operates: policies, documentation, officer behavior, community feedback, and compliance with state and federal laws.

QUICK STATS: ONE YEAR OF PROGRESS

- 55% increase in traffic enforcement citations year-over-year.
- Secured \$130,000 grant for body-worn cameras.
- Introduced department's first electric vehicle and e-bike program.
- Oversaw largest Jewish Federation of Cleveland event with zero incidents.
- Implemented transparent promotional exam process with zero complaints.

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Lexipol, a national legal resource, complements these efforts by keeping policies current with evolving laws and best practices.

OCLEAP certification requires the department to voluntarily apply, document compliance with 32 statewide best-practice standards (policies, training, data, oversight), undergo an on-site assessment, and maintain ongoing accountability. Once approved, the agency enjoys formal recognition that it adheres to these advanced practices and must sustain them through continuous review.

Ken Zbiegien, accreditation manager, explained, "Accreditation isn't a certificate on the wall – it's a promise that every officer, every day, is doing the right thing."

Training is central to this overall vision. "We're expanding opportunities through new courses, external partnerships, and certification programs to ensure officers receive the highest level of professional development," Chief Grispino added.

Newly promoted supervisors attend the Police Executive Leadership Course (PELC), a three-week program covering leadership, management, and strategic operations. Officers participate in ongoing education in de-escalation, traffic safety, investigations, and recognizing and supporting neurodiverse individuals. All officers are working toward Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) certification, reinforcing de-escalation and mental health awareness across every response.

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– MAYOR JUSTIN BERNIS



To enhance traffic safety, the department has expanded its traffic unit with additional enforcement and motorcycle patrols, supported by ongoing training – all aimed at keeping Beachwood a safe, vibrant, and welcoming community.

Officer wellness is also a top priority, especially since more officers are lost to suicide than in the line of duty. The department supports its team through on-duty workout programs, peer support, chaplain services, 24/7 counseling access, and mindfulness and relaxation spaces at the station. “Personal wellness is critical,” Chief Grispino notes. “When officers are supported, it shows in their work and the entire community benefits.”

Chief Grispino also shared his gratitude for the support of the City Council and city administration, noting that their collaboration and backing are essential to advancing these initiatives, strengthening the department, and serving the community effectively.

REBRANDING AND INTERNAL ENGAGEMENT

Over the past year, the department has undertaken a thoughtful rebranding effort to strengthen identity, pride, and connection. Updates include new uniforms, insignia, vehicle graphics, and community-facing materials. The previous car design, more than a decade old, has been replaced with a fresh look incorporating the city’s blue tones and the department badge – symbolizing duty, courage, justice, knowledge, and strength – to reflect the values officers uphold each day. Inside the station, the roll-call room now prominently features the department shield as a daily reminder of purpose and professionalism.

Externally, the rebrand extends to public-facing materials – such as canopies, tablecloths, and backdrops for community events – creating a unified and recognizable Beachwood Police Department presence. Together, these efforts reflect a department committed to excellence, integrity, and community trust.

Chief Grispino emphasizes internal buy-in as essential to building morale and pride across the department. He meets one-on-one with officers, conducts anonymous surveys, and has reorganized leadership structures so supervisors can focus on mentorship and community engagement. Two lieutenants now provide expanded administrative oversight, freeing front-line supervisors to connect more closely with personnel and the public. Together, these measures strengthen transparency, trust, and accountability.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

“It is evident that Chief Grispino understands the value of strong, positive relationships between members of Beachwood’s police department and our community,” said Alec Isaacson, City Council president. “His leadership has strengthened this relationship, making Beachwood safer. I’ve seen the chief in action, working with his team and interacting with our residents. I rest easier knowing he’s at the helm.”

Partnerships lie at the heart of the Police Department’s philosophy. Through programs such as Coffee with a Cop, Cookout with a Cop, Trunk or Treat, and the UH Rainbow Safe Kids Mocktail event, officers and residents come together in relaxed, friendly settings. These gatherings build understanding, foster open dialogue, and highlight the humanity behind the badge.

Chief Grispino embodies this spirit of connection. He recently purchased Norman Rockwell’s *The Runaway* (1958) at a charity auction supporting families of fallen officers – a timeless image that captures the compassion at the core of community policing. The painting, which



In the spirit of connection, Beachwood officers connect with residents at events throughout the year. *Top left:* Officer Workman during Coffee with Cops; *Top Right:* Officer Pekarski during Cookout with Cops; *Bottom Left:* Officer Bell and K9 Jorik during National Night Out; and *Bottom Right:* Sgt. Reyna shows off the department’s bomb squad technology. *Photos by Scott Morrison, Discovery Photo.*

depicts a state trooper gently speaking with a young runaway in a diner, serves as a daily reminder of the department’s mission to protect, guide, and serve with empathy.

“The image reflects the values we strive to uphold – being protectors, mentors, and trusted members of the community,” Chief Grispino shared. “It embodies the spirit of community policing, grounded in compassion, understanding, and trust. This has always been my favorite painting because of its powerful symbolism.”

Initiatives are also underway to strengthen partnerships with local businesses, with Lt. Kevin Owens taking on the role of business liaison officer. In this role, Lt. Owens connects with Beachwood businesses to providing on-site security assessments, active shooter training, and direct communication – ensuring safety, collaboration, and mutual trust citywide.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Coffee with a Cop and Cookout with a Cop:** Humanizes officers, builds trust.
- **Trunk or Treat and Mocktail Events:** Engages youth and families in safe, fun environments.
- **Business Liaison Officer:** Strengthens relationships with 2,500 local businesses, provides security assessments, and active-shooter training.
- **School Partnerships:** Officers mentor students, build relationships, and maintain a visible presence that fosters trust and safety.

The Beachwood Police Department also works closely with the Jewish Federation of Cleveland and its security arm, JFC Security, to ensure the safety and well-being of the city's Jewish community. This partnership includes proactive measures such as increased patrols during Jewish holidays, joint training exercises, and coordinated responses to potential threats. The department also participates in community-wide emergency preparedness drills with JFC Security, using simulated scenarios to strengthen communication and response protocols. Plus, monthly intelligence-sharing meetings help maintain ongoing dialogue and collaboration.

Beyond this partnership, the department maintains a strong presence at Beachwood Place, where a full-time officer is assigned to a mini-station inside the mall and stays in constant contact with mall ownership.

Schools are another key focus area, with one full-time and several part-time officers dedicated to maintaining a safe, supportive learning environment. Officer Colton Pekarski serves as the department's full-time school resource officer, fostering trust, safety, and connection among students and staff. Working closely with administrators, teachers, and families, he addresses concerns proactively and helps create a positive climate for learning and growth. Through this partnership, students come to see law enforcement officers as approachable allies rather than figures of authority.

MENTAL HEALTH AND POLICING: FIRST CALL

High on Chief Grispino's priority list is mental health response in policing. In 2024, he helped launch First CALL, Ohio's first Regional Mental Health Response Program, which now serves five local cities. The program, described below, pairs trained mental health professionals with responders, ensuring individuals in crisis get the right care while keeping officers available for emergencies. By diverting calls that don't require police intervention, First CALL improves outcomes, builds community trust, and strengthens public safety.

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

The following programs reflect the department's commitment to innovation and inclusivity:

Store It Safe (SIS) Initiative: This program promotes gun safety in the home. Officers provide small gun safes to residents who request them, helping ensure firearms are stored securely and responsibly.

Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF): Beachwood Police have strengthened their national-security posture by embedding an officer within the FBI's JTTF, while Chief Grispino serves on its executive board. This connection allows the department to participate directly in intelligence sharing, threat assessment, and critical incident response, linking local safety efforts to regional and federal networks.

LEADERSHIP PILLARS

- **Professionalism and Accountability:** Striving for national and state accreditations.
- **Officer Wellness and Support:** Relaxation area, on-duty workouts, peer support, chaplains, and Employee Assistance Program access.
- **Community Policing and Partnership:** Engagement with residents, businesses, schools, and JFC Security.
- **Innovation and Preparedness:** Updated equipment, e-bikes, electric vehicle, and new tactical resources.

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Blue Envelope Program: Designed to support drivers who may have difficulty processing standard verbal instructions, this program provides blue envelopes containing essential documents and clear communication guidelines. It reduces misunderstandings during traffic stops and reflects the department's commitment to fairness, inclusion, and excellence.

First CALL (Crisis Assistance and Local Linkage): This regional crisis-response program pairs licensed mental-health professionals with first responders on select calls involving welfare checks, family disputes, or suicidal ideation. By ensuring the right experts are on-scene from the start, the program reduces escalation and exemplifies the department's dedication to service, trust, and procedural fairness.

EARLY WINS AND OPERATIONAL SUCCESSES

In just over a year, Chief Grispino's initiatives have delivered measurable results:

Traffic Enforcement: citations increased 55% year-over-year.

Key Equipment Upgrades: Radar systems, storage solutions, weapons, e-bikes, and the department's first electric vehicle.

Body-worn Cameras: Secured a \$130,000 grant for body-worn cameras.

Security: Successfully managed the largest-ever Jewish Federation event with zero incidents.

Exam Process: Implemented a transparent promotional exam process, ensuring fairness and supporting leadership growth.

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Chief Grispino's philosophy is clear: Policing is about service, partnership, and contribution. “I see my role as a responsibility to empower the officers, serve the community, and ensure our work has a positive impact every day.”

Reflecting on new opportunities to expand the department's community support, Chief Grispino expressed his pride in adding the First CALL program as an additional resource for community members and his officers. “This forward-thinking regional response program, developed in collaboration with other law enforcement agencies, will enhance public safety and highlight the importance of mental health resources in innovative law enforcement practices,” he said.

Through professional development, internal engagement, strategic partnerships, community outreach, and a strong focus on wellness, the Beachwood Police Department continues to strengthen trust, transparency, and excellence. Chief Grispino's vision is of a department that is approachable, professional, and deeply connected – one committed not only to enforcing the law, but to nurturing a community where residents, businesses, and visitors alike feel safe, valued, and supported.

In his personal time, Chief Grispino enjoys kayak fishing and being on the water. He and his family also love to camp and visit state parks.

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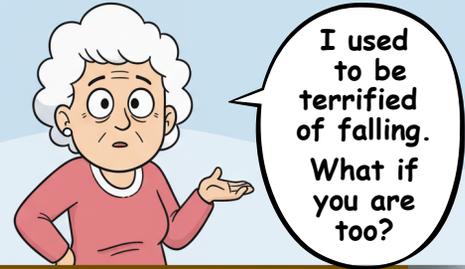
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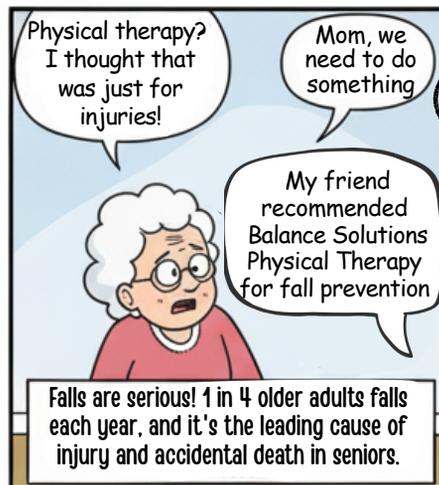
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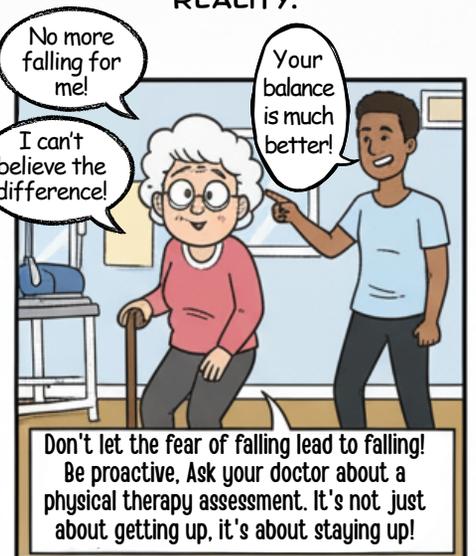
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Don't Let Fear Trip You Up! Stop Falling. Start Living. Get to Physical Therapy!



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- Fact: Falls are the leading cause of injury and accidental death among seniors.

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To the Seniors: Don't let fear steal your independence! Beachwood has wonderful resources. Taking control of your balance means taking control of your life—whether it's gardening, playing with grandchildren, or just confidently walking to the mailbox.

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independence.
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Fall prevention isn't something to worry about only after a fall happens; it's a vital part of proactive health and independence, starting as early as possible. Don't let fear or hesitation lead to injury. If you or a loved one is experiencing dizziness, unsteadiness, or has a fear of falling, the time to act is today. Taking this simple step now to address strength, balance, and confidence is the key to ensuring you can enjoy your life fully and maintain your freedom for years to come!

Dr. Noam Stern Honored With Pediatrician Advocate Award

The Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (Ohio AAP) is proud to announce that Dr. Noam Stern has been named the recipient of the 2025 William Cotton, MD, FAAP Pediatrician Advocate Award.

Established by the Ohio AAP Board of Directors, this prestigious award recognizes pediatricians who demonstrate exemplary commitment to advocacy that advances the organization's mission – improving the health and safety of Ohio's children and adolescents.

Dr. Stern embodies that mission through his groundbreaking work as the pioneer and founder of the Store It Safe (SIS) City Designation Program. What began as his innovative idea – brought to life through his leadership and ability to rally the Beachwood community – has grown into a statewide initiative. His passion and collaboration have inspired others to take action, helping to expand the program's reach and impact.

"As a palliative care pediatrician, I have cared for too many children who have been seriously harmed or killed after accessing an unsecured firearm," said Dr. Stern. "Last year, before sending one of our children on a playdate, I asked the family how they store their firearms in their home. They said their firearms were hidden, and they believed their children didn't know where they were kept. Tragically, many well-intentioned parents think a hidden firearm is as safe as a secured, locked firearm, but that is not the case. Studies show that by the first grade, 75% of children know where their family's firearms are kept."

Dr. Stern's firsthand experience caring for children affected by firearm injuries fueled his determination to take action.

"I was already involved in the Store It Safe partnership between the Ohio AAP and Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, where I work, and wanted to bring greater awareness

regarding firearm safety to our communities," he explained. "I approached Ohio AAP with the idea and, together with my wife, Beachwood City Council member Ali Stern, started discussions to make Beachwood the first Store It Safe city in Ohio."

Thanks to his vision, Ohio AAP has now installed five additional SIS cities, with a goal of 20 additional communities joining the effort this year.

Dr. Stern's work continues to make a meaningful difference in promoting firearm safety, preventing injury, and protecting the well-being of children across Ohio.

"I am grateful to Mayor Berns and Chief Grispingo for their willingness to be pioneers and leaders on this issue of public safety," Dr. Stern said. "Since piloting the program in Beachwood, cities across the state, from Cleveland to Lima and Cincinnati, have joined this initiative."

"Congratulations to Dr. Stern on receiving this prestigious honor," said Mayor Justin Berns. "Dr. Stern's vision and leadership in founding the Store It Safe City Designation Program began right here in Beachwood and has grown into a statewide effort to protect children through safe firearm storage. His advocacy is a testament to the power of community, collaboration, and innovation in making Ohio a safer place for every child."

"On behalf of the Beachwood Police Department, I want to congratulate Dr. Stern on this well-deserved recognition," added Police Chief Daniel Grispingo.

"His leadership and dedication to the Store It Safe initiative will continue to make a lasting impact on our community and Northeast



Above: Dr. Noam Stern receives the William Cotton, MD, FAAP Pediatrician Advocate of the Year Award at the Ohio AAP 2025 Annual Meeting, presented by Dr. Kelsey Logan (Ohio AAP president) and Dr. Bill Cotton, the award namesake.

Right: Dr. Noam Stern with his wife, Beachwood City Council member Ali Stern. Photos by Ohio AAP.



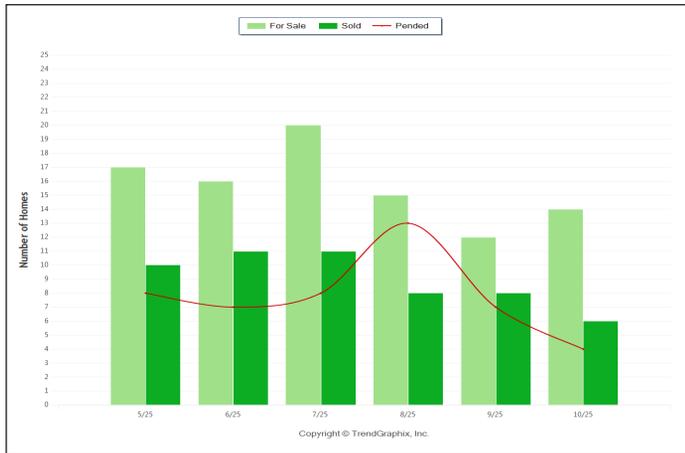
Ohio. By promoting safe firearm storage and protecting children from preventable harm, Dr. Stern has shown what true community partnership and advocacy can achieve. I'm proud to have worked alongside him in making Beachwood a model for safety and responsibility."

Ben Lombardi, City of Beachwood communications manager then said, "We deeply appreciate Dr. Noam Stern, not only for leading the Store It Safe City Designation effort here in Beachwood, but also for his continued presence at city events. His commitment has raised the visibility of this life-saving program among our city leaders, residents, and schools, ensuring it remains a true community initiative."

Dr. Stern's dedication to advocacy exemplifies the power of one person's vision to ignite meaningful, statewide change. Through his leadership, collaboration, and unwavering commitment to child safety, he has transformed a local initiative into a movement that saves lives and strengthens communities. His work continues to inspire others – pediatricians, city leaders, and families alike – to take action in protecting Ohio's children.

The Ohio AAP's recognition of Dr. Stern not only honors his achievements but also celebrates the ripple effect of compassion, innovation, and advocacy that began right here in Beachwood and now extends across the state.

Real Estate Statistical Update by Sharon Friedman



As we move into the end of 2025, Beachwood's strong seller's market concludes a record year! The number of for-sale listings in October rose by 17% in comparison to the prior month, falling from the high point in August. The average sold-to-list price over the past three months increased very slightly to 98%, while the sold price per square foot remained neutral. Northeastern Ohio continues to be a desirable location attracting new residents from out of state, while Beachwood remains very competitive due to the quality and age of the housing stock, excellent schools, community amenities, and a stable commercial tax base!

— Sharon Friedman

Homes SOLD in Beachwood

Aug. 16, 2025 – Nov. 14, 2025

Street	Days	List	Sold	LP/SP%	Bed	Bath	Built
E Silsby	14	265,000	265,000	100%	2	1	1950
Glenhill	6	297,000	320,000	108%	4	2	1953
Cedar	16	349,900	340,000	97%	3	2	1956
Fairmount	54	367,500	350,000	95%	3	3	1954
Halburton	51	399,900	375,000	94%	4	3	1937
Edgehill	82	379,900	375,000	99%	4	2	1954
Halburton	70	399,000	385,000	96%	4	4	1975
Halcyon	67	439,900	400,000	91%	4	3	1965
Campus	26	406,500	406,500	100%	4	2	1952
Halburton	122	480,000	412,000	86%	5	3	1978
Richmond	60	624,900	589,050	94%	3	3	2022
Penshurst	118	675,000	640,000	95%	4	3	1958
Wendover	162	650,000	650,000	100%	4	4	1959
Brian	2	619,900	670,000	108%	5	3	1967
Green	4	625,000	686,000	110%	3	4	1956
Penshurst	7	720,000	694,000	96%	4	4	1958
Duffield	30	745,000	725,000	97%	5	5	1970
Bryden	38	739,000	730,000	99%	4	4	1956
Fairwood	64	750,000	760,000	101%	3	4	2006
Bernwood	45	799,000	799,000	100%	5	6	1985
Deptford	68	1,395,000	1,280,000	92%	5	6	2016

Beachwood Market Update

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4 Bed, 2.5 Bath SPLIT LEVEL



24335 Fairmount Blvd
List price \$367,500
3 Bed, 2.5 Bath RANCH

- ### Sharon's Recent Beachwood Sales & Listings
- NEW PRICE:** 25111 S Woodland Rd list \$525,000
 - NEW PRICE:** 2478 Richmond Road list \$414,400
 - NEW PRICE/RENT:** 23100 E Groveland Road list \$399,900
 - PENDING:** 27500 Cedar #305 in Point East list \$349,900
 - PENDING:** 3194 Richmond Rd in Wedgewood list \$325,000
 - JUST SOLD 11/25:** 23420 Wendover Drive list \$650,000
 - JUST SOLD 11/25:** 23105 E Groveland Road list \$418,000
 - JUST SOLD 10/25:** 26701 Bernwood Road list \$799,000
 - JUST SOLD 9/25:** 25106 Duffield Road list \$745,000
 - JUST SOLD 9/25:** 27500 Cedar #T8 in Point East list \$475,000
 - JUST SOLD 9/25:** 2152 Campus Road list \$406,500
 - JUST SOLD 9/25:** 3152 Richmond in Wedgewood list \$299,000
 - JUST SOLD 8/25:** 2834 Meldon Road list \$479,900
 - JUST SOLD 7/25:** 2449 Beachwood Boulevard list \$975,000
 - JUST SOLD 6/25:** 2560 Buckhurst Drive list \$925,000
 - JUST SOLD 6/25:** 25515 Halburton Road list \$585,000
 - JUST SOLD 6/25:** 4 Stratford Ct in The Village list \$499,000
 - JUST SOLD 6/25:** 3212 Richmond in Baywood list \$369,900
 - SOLD 4/25:** 25102 Wimbledon Road list \$524,900
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BEACHWOOD CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Justin Berns



As we look toward the next four years, I am excited to continue working together to keep Beachwood one of the most progressive, thriving, and welcoming communities in Ohio.

Dear Beachwood Residents,

I would like to express my gratitude for the continued trust and confidence you have placed in me to serve as Beachwood Mayor for a second term. Although this election was uncontested, I am deeply honored and humbled by the opportunity to continue leading our remarkable city. Serving you is a privilege I never take for granted, and I remain committed to upholding the high standards that define Beachwood.

I also offer my sincere thanks to our Department directors and all city employees for their dedication and professionalism. Each day, they demonstrate a consistent commitment to serving our residents and maintaining the quality and responsiveness our community deserves.

I would like to extend my congratulations to City Council president Alec Isaacson, Council member Peter Smith, and Council member-elect Alexandra Jacobs on their election victories and their well-deserved seats on Beachwood City Council. I look forward to collaborating with them to continue the strong momentum our city has built over the past four years.

I am also grateful for the strong collaboration among my administration, City Council, the Beachwood School District, and the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce. Together, we have built partnerships that reflect our shared vision for the future – one rooted in teamwork, innovation, and community pride. It is through these effective relationships that our city continues to function efficiently and achieve lasting success.

Finally, to the residents and businesses that call Beachwood home – thank you. Your engagement, trust, and support are what make this position so deeply rewarding. You are the foundation of our community, and your active participation ensures Beachwood remains vibrant and forward-thinking.

As we look toward the next four years, I am excited to continue working together to find new and innovative ways to keep Beachwood one of the most progressive, thriving, and welcoming communities in Ohio.

With gratitude,
Justin Berns
Mayor, City of Beachwood

Matt Hildebrand



Thank you to everyone who supported me as I ran for Beachwood City Council. From donations, to yard signs, to texting/speaking with friends and neighbors, to standing at polling locations, to voting for me, I am grateful for your support. To the residents who answered when I knocked on your door, thank you for engaging with me. I learned a lot about myself and this great city I call home.

Throwing your name out there to be judged is never an easy decision. In spite of the outcome, I am happy I made that proverbial leap. I ran my campaign with honor, with a message, and without having to lie to voters. I know I did right. Alas, going against the machine was a difficult climb and I was unsuccessful. I'm so proud of the campaign I ran. Again, thank you to all of my supporters.

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Thank-You Messages

Alec Isaacson



I am honored that Beachwood's voters have again entrusted me with a seat on our City Council. I have worked hard to keep Beachwood a strong, growing, and vital community, and I'm going to keep working hard on your behalf.

As I said during the campaign, I'm going to stay focused on delivering tangible improvements to our residents' lives and staying in touch with the entire community. Beachwood delivers the services we depend on the most – garbage collection, public safety, parks, senior services and more – and we will continue to deliver those high quality services.

I want to thank my running mates, Alex Jacobs and Pete Smith, for their tireless efforts on behalf of all three of us. I also want to thank all the volunteers and supporters who helped with our campaign and who worked hard to get our message out into the community. Finally, a big thanks to my wife, children, and friends for their help.

Most importantly, I want to thank all of you for your trust and support. Without you, I couldn't have done this. I look forward to serving you on our City Council.

I am Alec Isaacson, and I am Positively Beachwood.

Alex Jacobs



I'm so thankful to the people of Beachwood who have elected me to represent them as a City Council member. This wouldn't have been possible without the partnership of Alec Isaacson and Pete Smith, and I'm very grateful to them for their experience, support, and hard work to make sure our entire slate was elected. I'm very excited to serve Beachwood beside them and the rest of council this January. Thank you to council member Ali Stern, as well, who encouraged me to run in the first place.

Special thanks to the Beachwood Democratic Ward Club for their endorsement of our slate, and the other endorsed candidates who worked with us during the campaign season: Mayor Justin Berns, School Board members Wendy Leatherberry, Kim Allamby, and especially my friend Rini Ghosh who was supportive in myriad ways. Thank you as well to the incredible number of friends who contributed to our campaign financially, or with their time and energy.

Finally, thank you to my husband Paul and our children, Max, Sam, Sally, and Charlie; my mother Lorrie; mother- and father-in-law; and brothers and sisters-in-law for their love, support, and childcare while I was campaigning.

Peter Smith



Elections require a tremendous amount of time, energy, and material resources. There's no way that I could have done this alone. There's also no way that I can thank every single individual who helped and supported me along the way. If I do not name you here, please grant me grace and know that I appreciate what you have done. Thank you.

That said, let me begin by acknowledging and thanking my slate-mates, Alec and Alex. Your dedication, intellect, humility, and grit are greatly appreciated. I am proud to be your colleague.

I would also like to thank my friends and family who provided much needed encouragement and support. A special shout out to Hedy and Jim, who were invaluable throughout the entire campaign. My undying gratitude to my "ride or die" life partner, Lisa. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Finally, my thanks to the voters of Beachwood. Voting is a responsibility and a privilege all at once. I know that you don't take it lightly. I do not take the faith that you have placed in me lightly. I will work diligently to fulfill the promise and potential that is Beachwood.

Now the work begins.

Thank-You Messages

**Kim
Allamby**



**Rini
Ghosh**



**Wendy
Leatherberry**



Thank you!

Thank you so much for electing me, Wendy, and Rini to continue to serve on the Board of Education. I'm excited and energized to work diligently to propel our district to higher peaks of excellence for all of our students.

For me, in the near future, this means attending the Ohio School Board Association's annual conference in Columbus to stay up on the latest trends and practices in education, opening our new elementary school buildings, and finalizing our board goals project. But in the long run, it means recommitting to a sustained effort to communicate and connect with our stakeholders as we seek to best serve our students and families.

Congratulations to the other elected Beachwood officials. I look forward to working with such an amazing group of individuals dedicated to improving the lives of all of Beachwood's citizens.

And, with deepest gratitude, thank you to my family, friends, supporters, and running mates for your unending support, not only during the campaign, but on every day of the year.

Thank You, Beachwood!

Since my appointment to the Board in January 2024, it has been an incredible privilege to serve this community that truly values our public schools. I am deeply honored to have earned your trust and your votes to continue serving on the Beachwood Board of Education for the next four years.

We are fortunate to have so many working moms stepping up to lead in our city. None of us could do it without the support of our spouses and the understanding of our children, who endure the ups and downs of campaign life. Our extended networks of family, friends, and fellow elected leaders keep us grounded and motivated – I'm so grateful for their encouragement and partnership throughout this process.

A heartfelt thank you to the Beachwood Democratic Ward Club and The Matriots for their endorsements and ongoing commitment to empowering local leadership. And finally, whether you voted for me or not, I am grateful to every resident who took the time to learn about the issues and came out to vote.

I'm excited to keep working hard to ensure Beachwood schools remain strong, united, and forward-thinking over the next four years.

Thank you Beachwood voters!

I am truly honored by your confidence and trust. As I look ahead to the next four years, I am painfully aware that we are likely to continue to see unprecedented threats to public education. I remain committed to holding fast to our values and ensuring that our Beachwood schools continue to offer an excellent education for all of our students.

While this campaign was not nearly as contentious as some in the past and certainly not as hard-fought as the one four years ago, I enjoyed speaking with community members. I am heartened by the deep and broad support our schools and public education in general receive from our community, those who use our schools and those who do not.

I am excited for what is ahead, as the Board prepares to complete our goal-setting process early next year and then ensures that we are regularly assessing our progress. I am deeply concerned at the threats to public education coming from the state and federal government, and will continue to fight against them as much as possible. I am truly proud to serve this community with my colleagues. Thank you!

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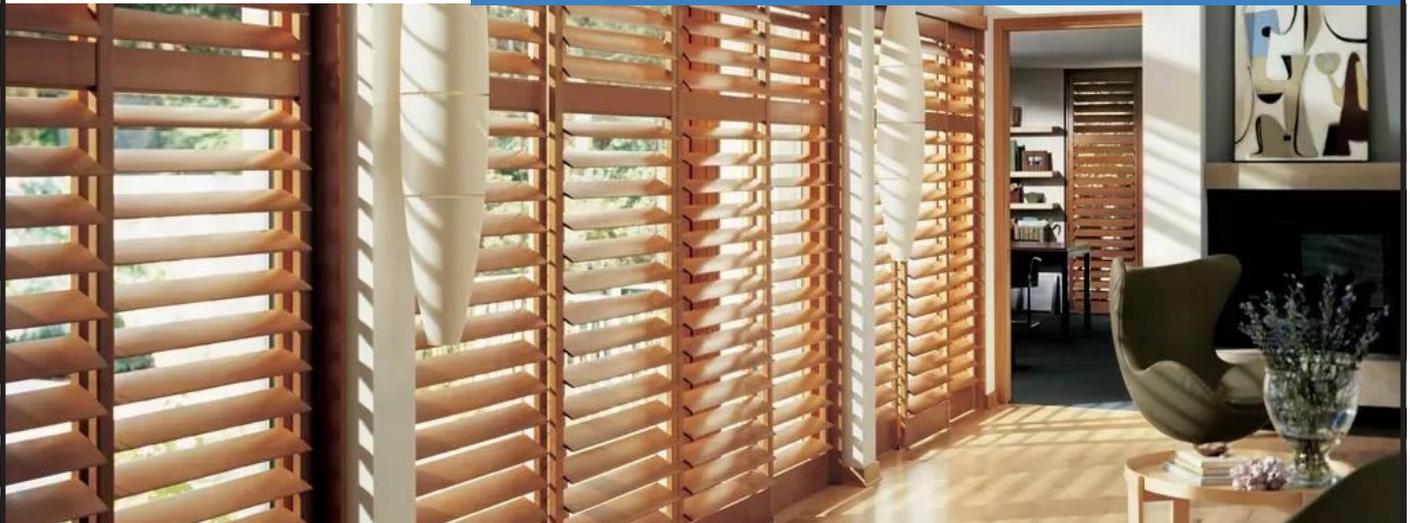
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The Power of Joy

By Jennifer Stern

I recently had the most incredible opportunity to participate in *Hiking Through Grief*, an In the Bubble Productions documentary about grief, resilience, and the power of connection.

This documentary shares the stories of six widows learning to live forward with grief. Produced by In the Bubble Productions, based in Chagrin Falls, *Hiking Through Grief* is inspired by The Power of JOy Hiking Group, whose mission is to build community and support joy in people's lives – especially during difficult times. The group focuses on connection, well-being, and compassion. Through monthly hikes, volunteer activities, and social programs, participants learn to rebuild their lives and form meaningful connections after devastating loss.

The Power of JOy began as a loving tribute to Joann Randall, who was inspired by *The Book of Joy*, by Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. She believed in the power of cultivating joy in oneself by helping others. Her husband, Greg, started The Power of JOy (the capital JO in honor of her nickname Jo) in her honor, memory, and as an integral part of her legacy of compassion and building connection.

This group is made up of vibrant, brave, resilient men and women who wanted to learn to live forward in their lives, after loss, in ways that brought them new and different opportunities for meaningful connection and healing. Together they comfort,

empower, validate, and normalize the layers of loneliness and many adjustments that come with living beyond the death of a spouse. Sometimes they talk about grief and sometimes they do not. They hike, experiencing the beauty of nature and the healing that comes with mind/body connection, and the joy of making new friendships. They make each other feel seen, heard, and understood.

They experientially learn how to find confidence in themselves as they adapt to their new normal – navigating friendships, holidays, travel, ordinary Sunday nights. They are curious, non-judgemental, engaged, active, hopeful, and strong within themselves, and even more so together.

Recognizing there is no timeline, one way, or right way to grieve, they empower themselves and each other to honor what they need in each moment as they discover how to rebuild and live their lives beyond grief. There is so much healing. It is inspiring and life affirming to hear of their transformative experiences of coming into their own strengths as they adapt to the loss of their spouse and learn experientially – to heal forward-remembering, honoring, loving-one interaction – at a time.

To learn more about Power of JOy, email hike@powerofjoy.net with your full name and phone number.

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

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Bryden Elementary Furniture Sale

Bryden Elementary School will host a Furniture Sale on Saturday, Jan. 3, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the current Bryden gymnasium. As the school district prepares to move into the brand-new Bryden building after the New Year, this sale offers families and community members the chance to purchase school furniture before we say goodbye to the old Bryden building.

A variety of items, including desks, chairs, tables, and other loose furnishings, will be



available for just \$1 each. Please note that items such as lockers, fixed cabinets, and sinks are not included in the sale.

All sales are first-come, first-served, and purchased items must be taken home at the time of sale.





The Plot to Steal the 2026 Midterms is Underway

By State Senator Kent Smith

Let me add my voice to the warning because I see the steps being taken in Columbus. There is a plot underway to steal the 2026 midterm election.

When I began writing these columns, I hoped I could highlight bipartisan solutions to challenges facing our state. I did not think I would be sounding an alarm that our democracy is being eroded by an obedient majority party that is doing the bidding of the 47th president, but that seems to be what is occurring.

President Trump has been making demands about changes in elections and Statehouse Republicans have been following his commands.

On Aug. 5, 2025, Trump said, "We are entitled to five more seats," referring to the possible redistricting of the Texas congressional map. This set off a process of redrawing congressional

district lines in Texas, North Carolina, and Missouri that would favor Republicans, and a response by California voters approving a redraw of their own map. As it currently stands, as many as 13 states are considering changing their federal legislative map to gain additional partisan advantage.

In Columbus, a new congressional map was agreed to that made two of the current five Democratic-held congressional seats more difficult to win by the incumbents.

But this isn't the only time Trump made a demand and Republicans acted on it.

On Aug. 18, 2025, Trump's post on social media began with, "I am going to lead a movement to

get rid of MAIL-IN BALLOTS."

In response to "Trump's" demands, less than two months later, Republicans in the Ohio Senate introduced Senate Bill 293 on Oct. 14, 2025, which would disregard all mail-in ballots received after Election Day. If this law was in place during the 2024 election cycle, almost 10,000 otherwise legally cast Ohio ballots would have been uncoun- ted. SB 293 was fast tracked and just three weeks later, on Nov. 5, it was passed by the Senate.

SB 293 does nothing to increase ballot security or prevent fraud, but it does erect additional barriers to voting.

Let's remember: Mail-in voting

makes Election Day run more smoothly because it reduces lines and eases congestion at polling places. No-excuse absentee voting was expanded in Ohio after the 2004 election, when voters faced Election Day lines lasting more than four hours.

But the Ohio GOP seems more interested in doing what Trump wants than in ensuring that legally cast votes are counted – which some say could be part of a plan to influence the 2026 midterms.

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



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I Believe

*Referenced on page 3 - In memory of Darcy Alter
(January 6, 1961 - November 30, 2015)*

I believe that we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.

I believe that no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that.

I believe that true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance.

I believe that you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.

I believe you can keep going long after you think you can't.

I believe we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

I believe that either you control your attitude or it controls you.

I believe that sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you are down will be the ones that help you get back up.

I believe that my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and still have the best time.

I believe I have the right to be angry, but it doesn't give me the right to be cruel.

I believe that maturity has more to do with the types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them, and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.

I believe that it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to forgive yourself.

I believe that our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.

I believe that even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend needs you, you will find the strength to help.

I believe that credentials on the wall don't make you a decent human being.

I believe the happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything, they just make the most of everything they have.

I believe that you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.



Making College Possible: JFSA Opens Doors for Students

Each year, Jewish Family Services Association of Cleveland helps local Jewish students achieve their college dreams through its College Financial Aid Program (CFAP). The program supports high school seniors and current college students who identify as Jewish and are pursuing a **four-year, in-person degree program (full-time) at an accredited U.S. institution of higher education.**

Graduate students in certain eligible programs may also apply. Awards are based on financial need, academic goals, and community involvement. For the 2025-2026 academic year, more than \$2 million in grants, loans and scholarships was distributed to approximately 370 students.

"We're here to help students who have done everything right – who've applied for FAFSA and explored school funding, but still need additional support," says CFAP manager, Jessica Rosenblitt. "We don't replace other aid; we supplement it so students can move forward without added financial stress."

JFSA's CFAP program relies on several funding sources:

- **The Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Scholarship Program** assists families with an adjusted gross income of up to \$225,000.
- **The Jewish Federation of Cleveland** provides need-based awards to families with moderate incomes.
- **Thirty-six donor-directed scholarships** have been established by generous community members, with awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,500 per year. Some focus on specific fields of study, GPA requirements, volunteerism, or leadership.
- **The Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation**, together with the **David and Inez Myers Foundation** and **JFSA**, launched the Mandel Myers Fellowship to provide scholarships for college-age Jewish overnight camp counselors. Unlike other programs, it has no income requirement and awards funds after fellowship commitments are completed. Participants must also engage in leadership development activities to apply their skills beyond camp. A separate application is required for this scholarship.

How to Apply

Applications for the 2026–2027 academic year open Dec. 29, 2025, and close April 1, 2026.

New applicants are required to participate in a brief virtual interview. Recipients are notified in the summer, and funding is paid directly to the school or, in some cases, to the family.

"JFSA's CFAP Program and the Mandel Myers Fellowship offer an incredible opportunity for our community's young people – and we want everyone who qualifies to apply," Jessica said.

For assistance with navigating the process or to learn more, contact Jessica at 216.378.3429 or visit bit.ly/JFSACFAP.



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AI Summit: Practical Solutions for Growth & Efficiency

Business and community leaders from Northeast Ohio gathered on Oct. 23 for the AI Summit: Practical Solutions for Growth & Efficiency, presented by the Beachwood and Solon Chambers of Commerce. This event was designed to demystify artificial intelligence and explore how it can drive innovation, collaboration, and economic growth.

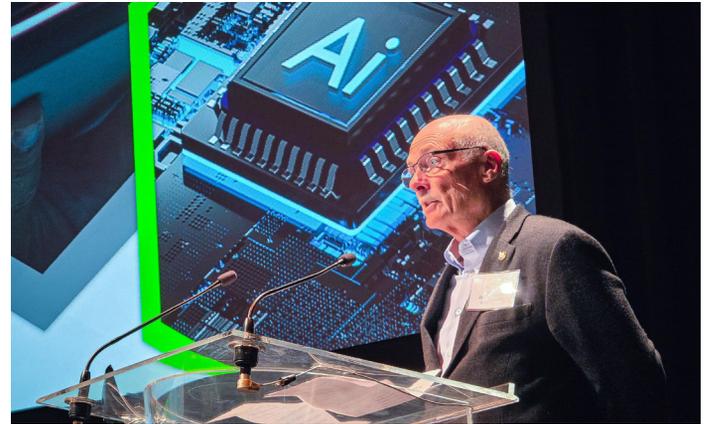
Chris Berry, president and CEO of OhioX, opened the summit by highlighting Ohio's opportunity to become a national leader in technology. OhioX, a relatively new company that is a catalyst for Ohio's tech future, is leading Ohio as a world class tech hub. "AI is the 'Wild West' right now," Chris said. "The real gold isn't the technology – it's the data."

OhioX's annual State of AI report shows strong momentum for AI-driven opportunities across the state, from startup incubators (28%) to infrastructure and

service providers (19%). Berry highlighted that Ohio's economic potential lies in education, infrastructure, and enterprise adoption – and that the state is already taking decisive steps.

Rob Buchwald, founder and chief innovation officer of Akron Innovations, said, "Thought, decision, and action matter now more than ever. In Ohio, we're not quick to jump on the hype train. We're used to sitting back and observing, then deciding and acting diligently. Waiting is dangerous. Action matters now more than ever."

Education emerged as a key theme. Ohio recently became the first state in the nation to require K-12 schools to adopt AI policies, and universities are ensuring all students graduate AI fluent. The state's TechCred program, which helps employers pay for their employees to earn short-term, technology-focused credentials,



David Lapierre, Beachwood Chamber of Commerce director, introduces the program and welcomes guests.

Photo by Scott Morrison, Discovery Photo.

is also helping workers earn micro-credentials and up-skill for a changing job market.

Infrastructure is another area of rapid growth. Data centers contributed \$11.8 billion to Ohio's economy in 2024, a figure expected to nearly double by 2030. The Stargate Initiative, a \$500 billion national project, selected Lordstown, Ohio, as one of five U.S. sites to build large-scale AI data facilities.

Paul Franke, partner at Moreland Connect, a Beachwood-based technology firm, shared practical advice on how mid-market companies can adopt AI responsibly. "We start with value, understand where AI makes sense, build the foundation, and scale with automation."

A panel discussion, moderated by Jessica Colombi, director of Future Work at Tri-C, addressed

panelists who agreed that while AI is transforming nearly every industry, success requires clear strategy and human-centered decision-making.

"The only constant is change," said Travis Grundke, EVP, Ashton Solutions. "Our opportunity is to help people think more deeply, to be flexible, and to step outside of their comfort zone."

The summit concluded with an optimistic call to action. Ohio's path forward, speakers agreed, will be built on collaboration, innovation, and education. Don't compete – collaborate. Build each other up because that's what Ohio does best.

The AI Summit, hosted by Cuyahoga Community College, was presented by Verizon, Moreland Connect, Crown Castle, City of Beachwood and City of Solon.

A promotional poster for the Beachwood Holiday Pop-Up Shop. The background is light blue with white snowflakes and a string of colorful lights (yellow, green, blue, red) at the top and bottom. The text is centered and reads: "BEACHWOOD HOLIDAY POP-UP SHOP" in large white letters on a dark blue banner. Below that, "December 7, 2025" and "11 am - 4pm" are in blue, followed by "Beachwood High School" in blue. "Discover unique holiday gifts!" is in red. "Paintings, Clothing, Woodwork, Candles, Personalized items, Jewelry, and more!" is in red. "Supports the Class of 2026 Afterprom" is in red. At the bottom, "FREE ADMISSION" is in large white letters on a dark blue banner.

Enterprise Adoption and Practical AI

- AI adoption in business is accelerating, but challenges remain. Many companies lack clear use cases or strategies. The summit emphasized that success starts with conversation and curiosity, not code.
- Before strategy, you need dialogue. Ask your team what repetitive, frustrating tasks eat up their week. That's where AI can help.
- AI can free time for meaningful work and drive efficiency – but without a roadmap, it risks wasting resources. AI is a business plan. It's not just about technology, it's about people.

From Beachwood Arts Council



Around the World in Art Exhibit Through Friday, Jan. 2 • Beachwood Community Center

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)
 - Richard Litwin (watercolor).



Pienza, by Richard Litwin



Venice in Motion, by Susan Lash

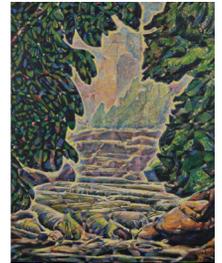


Scent of Roses, by Sawsan Alhaddad

A Special Event at WOLFS Gallery: Exhibit by August Frederick Biehle Jr.: *Pillar of the Cleveland School* 23645 Mercantile Rd. • Thursday, Dec. 11 • 5-7:30 p.m.

BAC invites you to a special event at WOLFS Gallery, which proudly presents the first major solo exhibition and sale of important American modernist painter August Frederick Biehle Jr.'s artwork. The evening will include drinks, hors d'oeuvres, a gallery talk, and tour of the exhibit. The cost is \$20 for BAC members and \$25 for nonmembers. Reservations can be made by Dec. 5 by calling 216.595.3400.

For more details about this Beachwood museum-quality gallery, refer to last month's cover story at www.beachwoodbuzz.com.



Berea Woods, by August Frederick Biehle Jr.

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Beyond Beachwood: Expand Your Horizons With Beachwood Community Services

By Zoey Nahmmacher-Baum

Traveling somewhere new can be a transformative experience full of adventure and relaxation. Beachwood Community Services makes it easy by offering overnight group travel that simplifies your planning and budgeting. This year, they're hosting three trips, listed below.

You might be surprised by how different the world can look just an hour away from home. Whether you're traveling within Ohio or to another country, stepping outside of your neighborhood allows you to gain insight into the lives of others while seeing the sights. Along the way, you build new relationships with your travel companions and arrive home

with a deeper appreciation for your own community.

The hardest part of travel is the planning, which is now easier than ever with Beachwood Community Services. For over 20 years, the Community Services Department has been offering group travel experiences designed to be accessible for adults of all ages. These trips

include transportation, lodging, entertainment, and tours. With upcoming options to explore Ohio, Michigan, and New York/Canada, a good time is guaranteed for all – no matter how far you want to travel.

Traveling with Beachwood Community Services allows the fun of group sightseeing without the hassle of making your own reservations. If these

trips spark your interest, visit BeachwoodRec.com for the full itineraries and details, available soon, and spend the winter dreaming of your next great adventure.

To receive an email notification when full itineraries are released, contact Shannon Diamond at shannon.diamond@beachwoodohio.com.

Taste of Amish Country • Ohio • March 24-25, 2026

Some of the best adventures happen not that far from home. In this overnight trip, we'll be exploring Amish Country in Ohio, with visits to Canton, Millersburg, and Coshocton. Through food, we'll experience the Amish way of life and sample traditional delicacies, with a stop at Heini's

Cheese Chalet, the factory retail store of Bunker Hill Cheese. During the visit, you'll learn about the history and process of cheese making, and be able to buy and sample over 30 varieties of cheese made with 100% local milk.

Our tour continues with a visit to Gervasi Vineyards, a 55-acre

Tuscan-inspired estate, and a show at the award-winning Amish Country Theater.

Rounding out the trip is a stop at Lehman's Hardware, known worldwide as a "Low Tech Superstore," and a chance to explore Roscoe Village, with shops set in historic homes. With



rolling hills and farmland, this journey serves as a gateway to another time and place.

Art & Tulips • Grand Rapids, Michigan • May 4-6, 2026

Every year, more than five million tulips are planted in Holland, Michigan. They begin to bloom in early spring and cover the town in stunning color just in time for the Tulip Time Festival. The festival, hosted every year since 1929, fills Holland with thousands of guests who arrive to see the floats, marching bands,

and Dutch dancers held in honor of Holland's heritage. This must-see celebration is only one of the stops we'll be making on our journey through Grand Rapids.

Throughout the trip you'll be surrounded by natural and architectural beauty, including more than 60 styles of houses. Grand Rapids is also home to

the world-renowned Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, a sprawling botanical garden with a permanent collection of art. This spring, they're hosting a special exhibition of Dale Chihuly, an American artist whose monumental glass sculptures have been displayed across the world. Between the



tulips and Chihuly sculptures, this is sure to be an adventure full of color and light.

Taking in the Sights • Buffalo/Niagara-on-the-Lake • August 24-26, 2026

According to locals, once you step foot on the historic streets of Ontario, you won't want to leave; it's the "Niagara-on-the-Lake Effect." This small town with 19th century charm is hidden within the countryside and made for easy walking. While enjoying the gorgeous landscape, explore the Shaw Festival Theatre and

a wide variety of boutiques and restaurants.

Back in the United States, we'll experience the beauty of Buffalo while on a lunch cruise with Grand Lady Cruises. During the two-hour buffet lunch, take in a panoramic view of the waterfront and lean into relaxation. In addition to natural beauty, we'll

revel in architectural wonder with a visit to Martin House, one of Frank Lloyd Wright's greatest achievements. Often referred to by Wright himself as his "opus," Martin House is a sprawling Prairie house currently operating as a museum.

We'll also stop at the Peace Bridge Plaza to do some duty-free shopping. This adventure



will take us internationally to sightsee and experience beauty in all its forms.

From the Federation

Campaign Closing

Monday, Dec. 8 • 7:30 p.m.

Hebrew Academy of Cleveland • Mendy and Ita Klein Oakwood Campus
Simon and Rose Mandel Building • 1800 Warrensville Center Rd.

Come together as a community and recognize everything we've accomplished in the Jewish Federation of Cleveland 2026 Campaign for Jewish Needs.

General Campaign Chair Amir Jaffa and others will share the results from the 2026 Campaign. We'll also honor Allison Brandon, recipient of the 2025 Amb. Milton A. and Roslyn Z.



Wolf Young Campaigner of the Year Award.

Register at jewishcleveland.org.

MEMORY: Moshe Gershuni

Gallery Open House • Sunday, Dec. 21 • 1-3 p.m.
Federation's Roe Green Gallery • 25701 Science Park Dr.

Moshe Gershuni (1936-2017), among the most significant Israeli artists, was born in Tel Aviv to Polish-Jewish parents. His passionate and deeply personal work reflects the challenges of Israeli life, often addressing grief and memory. Gershuni blends many cultural and historical references, including Jewish and Christian religious ideas and the Holocaust.

View *Kaddish*, a magnificent 1997 portfolio illustrating the homonymous poem written by the American Jewish beatnik poet Allen Ginsberg (1926-1997) on the death of his mother. The portfolio includes 24 images

screen-printed on goldleaf next to the original text with Hebrew translation by the eminent Israeli poet Natan Zach.

Six beautiful large-scale prints created in the 2000s with similar visual themes are also on view.

The exhibit, curated by Matthew Garson and Katya Oicherman, is on display through February 2026 at the Jewish Federation of Cleveland's Roe Green Gallery and Congregation Mishkan Or's Hartzmark Gallery.

Register at jewishcleveland.org.



Winter Break Lunch Program

Dec. 22, 23, 29, and 30 • 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join Jewish Federation of Cleveland at the May Dugan Center to serve hearty, hot meals, and assist with kid-friendly entertainment, crafts, and enrichment activities for children in Cleveland who would otherwise not be getting lunch during their school break.

Make a difference for a local child – bring new winter clothing



and gear with you as Christmas gifts for the participants in the Winter Break Lunch program. If you cannot volunteer but still want to drop off cold weather items for children, please contact Aviva Roland to make arrangements Register at jewishcleveland.org.



When you support the Campaign for Jewish Needs, you support the mental health needs of Jewish students.

Since October 7, 2023, Jewish college students like Joshua* have faced a troubling rise in antisemitism.

Through the Hillel Wellness program, a licensed therapist—provided by Jewish Family Service Association—is now available to students on local college campuses. This vital support helps Joshua and his peers find comfort, strengthen their resilience, and know they are not alone. **Your donation to Campaign ensures Joshua - and hundreds like him - continue to get the support they need.**

**Names have been withheld to protect client privacy.*



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The Mayor's Message A Year of Progress and Partnership in Beachwood

Dear Beachwood Residents,

As 2025 draws to a close, I am filled with pride and gratitude for all that our city has accomplished this year. Beachwood continues to thrive as a dynamic, forward-thinking community — one built on collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to excellence. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our department directors, city employees, and residents who work every day to make Beachwood a truly exceptional place to work, live, learn, and thrive. Your professionalism and service exemplify the very best of public stewardship, and I thank you sincerely.

"Beachwood continues to thrive as a dynamic, forward-thinking community — one built on collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to excellence."

This year has been one of meaningful progress across many fronts. Beachwood City Council voted to approve the 2026 tax budget. I am proud to share that the city will continue to collect just 1.6 mills, with 2.4 mills suspended, through the end of 2026. This structure, established in partnership with

the Beachwood City School District, keeps taxes flat for residents and businesses while maintaining strong financial support for our schools and community. As we approach the final year of this agreement, I want to express deep appreciation to Superintendent Bob Hardis and the Board of Education for their continued collaboration and leadership.

A major milestone this year was the city's acquisition of 42.94 acres in the highly sought-after Chagrin Highlands business district — a vision more than two decades in the making. Approved by City Council on March 3, this landmark purchase strengthens Beachwood's standing as a premier business destination in Northeast Ohio and represents a strategic investment in our long-term economic future.

Innovation also continues to guide our public service efforts. The Beachwood Police Department advanced its commitment

to sustainability and modern policing with the introduction of two electric bicycles and our first fully electric patrol vehicle. In that same spirit, the city launched new cashless payment options — accepting Apple Pay, Google Pay, and all major credit cards — for faster, more secure, and convenient transactions. We also became the first community in Ohio to install a solar street lighting pilot program, located on Beachwood Boulevard and Ranch Road, as we explore energy-efficient solutions for future citywide lighting.

Finally, residents have complimented the changeable copy sign at Richmond Road and Fairmount Boulevard — a 105-square-foot display that enhances communication about upcoming events, meetings, and community updates.

As we look ahead to 2026, I remain deeply thankful for our continued partnerships with the Beachwood City Schools, City Council, and the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce, led by Executive Director David Lapierre. Together, we are building a future rooted in collaboration, sustainability, and community pride.

Wishing you and your families a joyful holiday season and a bright new year.

Sincerely,

Mayor Justin Berns
MayorBerns@beachwoodohio.com



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Congratulations to Tina Turick - NOACC Bright Star Award Honoree

The City of Beachwood is proud to recognize City Administrator Tina Turick as this year's Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce (NOACC) Bright Star Awardee.

Each year, NOACC invites its member chapters to recognize one outstanding individual who exemplifies leadership and service to both their Chamber and local community. The Executive Board of the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce has selected Tina as their Bright Star.

Tina serves as the City of Beachwood's representative on the Chamber Board and as chair of the organization's Planning Committee. Her vision and leadership have helped shape countless chamber events and initiatives. Her leadership continues to strengthen the partnership between the Chamber and the City, fostering growth and community engagement throughout Beachwood.

The Beachwood Chamber of Commerce will recognize Tina as its Bright Star Award recipient during the Beachwood Chamber's Spirit of Success Banquet on Dec. 10. Congratulations, Tina, on this well-deserved honor — and thank you for your outstanding service to our community!



Left to right: Mike & Tina Turick with David & Janet Lapierre at the NOACC Bright Star Awards

Beachwood Welcomes Firefighter Cantrell

The Beachwood Fire Department welcomed Firefighter Tyler Cantrell, sworn in by Mayor Berns at the Nov. 3 City Council meeting. We're happy to have you, Tyler!



STAY ENGAGED IN YOUR COMMUNITY:



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



Legislative Update

Oct. 20, 2025

The city is focusing on six key areas essential for the city's advancement, which serve not only as a roadmap, but as a guiding light for our city's progress. Each legislative update highlights these areas.

Oct. 20 City Council Meeting

Innovative Partnerships:

City Council voted to approve the 2025-2026 Deer Management program. This year's program combines both professional deer culling and surgical sterilization in collaboration with the cities of Shaker Heights and South Euclid. Details on this year's plan can be found on the next page.

Infrastructure Improvements:

The Beachwood City Council has voted to adopt a comprehensive Cybersecurity Program designed to protect the city's digital infrastructure and information systems. This initiative strengthens defenses against cyber threats, including hacking, ransomware, and other malicious attacks. The new program aligns with current Ohio state law.

View Live & Recorded City Council Meetings



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

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
Dec. 1 at 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Architectural Board of Review:
Dec. 1 at 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Work - Live - Learn - Thrive

City Expands Collaborative Deer Management Plan

The City of Beachwood is strengthening its commitment to humanely and effectively managing the region's growing white-tailed deer population through its 2025–2026 Deer Management Plan. Partnering with the cities of Shaker Heights and South Euclid, Beachwood's updated approach continues to balance public safety, ecological health, and community input.

Over the past three years, Beachwood's deer management program has removed 230 deer, resulting in the donation of more than 9,000 pounds of venison, which has provided over 36,500 meals to local food banks. Building on this success, the new plan introduces a hybrid strategy that adds surgical sterilization as a non-lethal fertility control method alongside targeted culling operations.

In January 2026, licensed veterinarians and wildlife specialists from White Buffalo Inc. will conduct a four-night sterilization program to anesthetize, sterilize, and tag female deer across the participating cities. According to White Buffalo President Dr. Anthony J. DeNicola, this first year of sterilization is expected to reduce herd growth by lowering the birth rate, leading to gradual stabilization of the regional deer population.

Mayor Justin Berns emphasized the importance of regional partnership in addressing this shared challenge. "Deer management is an issue affecting every community in Northeast Ohio," said Mayor Berns. "By working together with Shaker Heights and South Euclid—and hopefully welcoming even more neighboring cities in the future—we can create a more effective and sustainable approach that benefits all of our residents."



SHAKER HEIGHTS

south euclid

Culling operations, conducted by Precision Wildlife Management, Ltd. under the supervision of the Beachwood Police Department, will continue in December 2025 in controlled, clearly marked areas. All harvested deer will again be processed and donated to local food banks.

Residents are encouraged to share feedback through the city's annual Residential Deer Management Survey, helping guide future efforts to maintain a safe and balanced coexistence with local wildlife.

HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION:

Rubbish and recycling will not be collected on Thurs., Dec. 25 (Christmas) and Jan. 1 (New Year's Day). Thursday collections will be delayed one day for those weeks only. All other days remain unchanged.

New Online Permitting System

The City of Beachwood's Building Department announces the launch of Clariti, a new online permitting system that will go live on Jan. 2, 2026. This upgrade will make it easier and faster for residents, contractors, and businesses to manage permits and inspections from start to finish.

What You Can Expect

Clariti is designed to simplify the permitting process for everyone. Through the new Clariti Public Portal, customers will be able to:

- Submit applications online
- Track progress in real time
- Schedule inspections



Why the Change?

The new system will improve communication and efficiency for both customers and staff. Clariti will also support licensing, code enforcement, plan review, and inspection coordination — creating a seamless process from application to completion.

Looking Ahead

Clariti will enhance transparency and convenience for everyone involved in the permitting process. More information and step-by-step guidance will be shared by the Building Department in the January 2026 issue of the *Beachwood Buzz*.



DECEMBER 1-15
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- WHOLE GRAIN RICE/PASTA**
- CANNED FRUITS/VEGGIES**

QUESTIONS? CALL PUBLIC WORKS AT 216.292.1922

Fire Department Empowers Public Works with CPR Training

This month, the Beachwood Fire Department took proactive steps to enhance community safety by partnering with the City's Service Department to provide comprehensive American Red Cross CPR and AED training for all service employees.

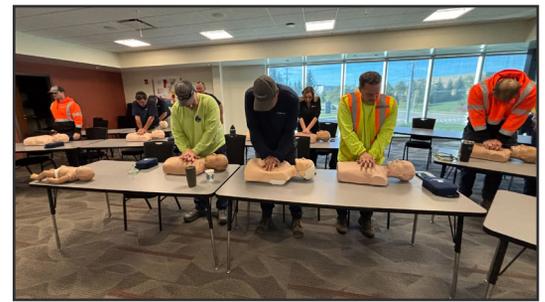
Because members of the Public Works Department are out in the community every day, they are more likely to encounter someone in distress. By learning these lifesaving skills, they can now take quick, confident action in an emergency before first responders arrive.



Chief Holtzman

"Our goal is to make sure every city employee has the tools to help," said Fire Chief Steve Holtzman. "You never know when these skills may save a life—whether it's a coworker, a resident, or someone passing through our city."

This initiative reflects Beachwood's ongoing commitment to safety, teamwork, and community care. With more trained eyes and hands ready to help, the city is even better prepared to protect and support one another.



Public Works putting their new skills into action.



Lt. Peterson leading the CPR and AED training course.

Snow Plow Season Underway

With dropping temperatures and snowfall, here are a few snow plow reminders:

- Give snow plow operators space to work. A fully loaded snow plow vehicle can weigh between 20-40 tons and cannot easily stop. Please stay at least 100 feet behind the plow when driving.
- Per Beachwood City Codified Ordinance 660.14: Advise private driveway plow operators to refrain from pushing snow in or across the roadway or sidewalks.
- Do not snow blow or shovel snow into the street.
- Place trash cans in an accessible area (such as side of apron). NOT in snowbank or in roadway.
- Children and pets should never play in snowbanks near roadways.
- Be cognizant of plows when clearing your driveway. Snowbanks can make it difficult for plows to see people and/or pets on the apron and snow off a moving plow blade can be dangerous as it may contain ice and heavy wet snow.
- Snow plow operators cannot effectively and efficiently clear roadways when obstacles are present. This causes a safety concern for all roadway users if snow response is delayed.
- Beachwood Ordinance states when snow falls over a 24-hour period to a depth of two inches or more, an emergency is declared and parking is prohibited on all city streets. The city will make a reasonable attempt to notify the public by using local press and social media. Vehicle owners are responsible to comply with the emergency regulations.
- If possible, please refrain from running or walking in the road during snow events and/or until the roadway has been cleared.
- As a courtesy, we will make every effort to make sure sidewalks are cleared; please remember plowing roadways is always our first priority.



Thank you for helping us keep Beachwood roadways safe!

Recycling Roundup

Paper & Plastic Cups Now Welcome

Good news! Paper and plastic cups can now be recycled. This update is part of a national initiative led by Waste Management to make to-go cups recyclable across the country.



Support this national effort by recycling hot/cold paper beverage cups and plastic cups made from polypropylene (such as cold drink cups for iced coffee or soda). Please note that foam cups, rigid polystyrene (#6), lids, straws, and stoppers are not accepted.

For a full list of recyclable materials, please visit beachwoodohio.com/recycling.

Recycle Broken Holiday Lights & Cords

Drop off broken holiday lights and power cords for recycling in January, Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. at the Public Works Department.

Recycle Christmas Trees

The city collects real (not artificial) Christmas trees from tree lawns and delivers them to the compost facility on Shaker Boulevard, where 100% are recycled into mulch for city grounds and planting programs. Please call 216.292.1922 to notify Public Works once your tree is placed on the tree lawn.

Together, we're keeping Beachwood cleaner and greener!

December Recreation Guide



Warm Up and Glow Out; Beachwood's New Winter Lineup

Beachwood is turning up the excitement with two brand-new events designed to bring families and teens together for some much-needed midwinter fun!

Winter Warm-Up: Disney Edition

Sunday, Jan. 25, 12:00-2:00 p.m., Community Center

Kids ages 12 and under, accompanied by an adult, are invited to embark on a day full of enchantment, where your favorite Disney moments come to life through themed games, magical crafts, whimsical activities, and tasty treats. Registration is just \$2 per child for residents and \$8 per child for non-residents at BeachwoodRec.com. Advance registration is required to experience the magic of Beachwood's Winter Warm-Up.

Teen Night Glow Dance Party

Thursday, Feb. 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Community Center

Teens ages 13–17 can light up the night at this high-energy glow dance party filled with neon lights, music, and good vibes. It's the ultimate winter hangout for friends who love to dance and have fun. Admission is \$2 for residents and \$8 for non-residents in advance at BeachwoodRec.com.

"These new winter programs are all about mixing it up and creating fresh, fun opportunities for our community to connect," said Community Services Director Derek Schroeder. "We're excited to see families, kids, and teens come out, have a great time, and make Beachwood the place to be this winter."

To learn more, visit BeachwoodRec.com or follow @BeachwoodOHRec on Facebook.



Beachwood Summer Camp; Resident Registration Opens Dec. 15

Beachwood Community Services has expanded its summer camp sessions to accommodate the 2026 Beachwood City Schools calendar. The city is pleased to announce an additional week of Kidz Camp, Bison Camp, Sports Camp, and Teen Travel Camp — bringing the total to eight weeks of fun, plus a resident-only Summer Sendoff Camp, Aug. 3–7, for campers entering grades K–6.

"With the change in the school calendar, we prioritized adjustments to camp to meet the needs of Beachwood families," said Program Manager Shannon Diamond. "For 2026 only, our Summer Sendoff Camp will feature a special week of themed days, swimming at the aquatic center, and two exciting field trips."

Resident registration for Beachwood Summer Camp opens Monday, Dec. 15, online at BeachwoodRec.com or in person at City Hall. Early-bird rates end Feb. 27 and non-residents may register for remaining spots beginning March 2.



Residents registering online must upload a current utility bill to their account within seven days of registration as proof of residency.

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Kick It Into Gear with New Fitness Instructor Ty Richardson

Ty Richardson, an accomplished fitness specialist and health scientist with over 20 years of experience in weight management and healthy lifestyle coaching, is bringing her expertise to Beachwood! Throughout her career as a personal trainer and group exercise instructor, she has helped countless individuals develop healthier eating habits, maintain a balanced weight, and lead more active lives.



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Ty will offer two new classes at the Beachwood Community Center:

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Session I: Jan. 5 - Feb. 2 (No class Jan. 19)
Session II: Feb. 9 - March 12 (No class Feb. 12 and Feb. 16)
Residents \$129, Non-Residents \$155
- **PT Circuit Training (4 Weeks) - Tues. at 12:00 p.m.**
Session I: Jan. 13 - Feb. 3
Session II: Feb. 10 - March 3
Residents \$103, Non-Residents \$124

Local Recreation GO App Available

Developed by Beachwood resident Jonathan Bannet, the Local Recreation GO app makes finding your family's favorite programs and activities easier than ever with its calendar-aware interface.



Available free for Apple and Android devices, Local Recreation GO lets you experience your community like never before—connecting you to local events, classes, and happenings. The City of Beachwood is proud to be a flagship contributor, with all city programs available for discovery right within the app.

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Beachwood Seniors

NEW: Cleveland Orchestra Matinee Shows

Resident priority registration through Friday, Dec. 12.

Join Beachwood Community Services for a pre-concert lecture, coffee and donuts provided by Severance Hall. Lunch, on your own, will be at the café at the Cleveland Museum of Art after the performance. Transportation included, meet at the Community Center at 9:30 a.m. Limited to nine attendees.

- **Feb. 20 - The Frenzie Tango** (Register by Jan. 16)
- **March 20 - Chan Conducts Bartok** (Register by Feb. 13)
- **May 8 - Wagner's Gotterdammerung** (Register by April 1)

Residents are \$44, non-residents are \$51, at BeachwoodRec.com.

December Meet & Eat

Akron Symphonic Winds Brass Quintet

Thursday, Dec. 18, Noon, Community Center

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

Register by Dec. 11.

Experience the bold brilliance and warm harmonies of the Akron Symphonic Winds Brass Quintet! This talented ensemble will bring the power and charm of brass music to life with a diverse program featuring classical selections, patriotic tunes, and popular favorites.

Meal choices include Sheppard's Pie (beef and veggies) or mushroom pie (mushroom and veggies). All entrees are served with a side salad, roll, beverage and dessert. Gluten free available.

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In.My.Bag Collection Brings Luxury and Innovation to Beachwood Place

Beachwood is proud to welcome In.My.Bag Collection, a brand known for its genuine leather handbags and accessories designed to boost style and confidence.

Owner Tianna Blackmon brings her vision and creativity from Tower City to Beachwood Place, offering shoppers an exciting showcase of handcrafted pieces that combine elegance, craftsmanship, and bold personality. In addition to its beautiful collection, the new Beachwood location features a unique innovation — Daley, a retail robot assistant. Daley guides customers throughout the store, helping them discover signature styles and highlighting special collections.

In.My.Bag Collection is more than a brand; it's an experience that celebrates individuality and the artistry of luxury design.



Mayor Berns meeting Daley, a retail robot.



The ribbon cutting with owner Tianna Blackmon.



Regional Connectivity Fuels City's Tech Growth

The City of Beachwood is strengthening regional partnerships to support its growing tech sector. This was showcased at the recent Beachwood Chamber AI Summit, where industry leaders shared insights on using AI to drive innovation. Keynote speaker Chris Berry of OhioX highlighted Ohio's unique ability to test bold ideas and scale them statewide. By hosting these discussions, Beachwood helps local companies stay connected to emerging trends and reinforces its role as a regional innovation leader.

David Lapierre, Executive Director of the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce, welcomes summit attendees.

Ohio Life Sciences Designation

The City of Beachwood is taking a strategic step to elevate its role as a regional leader in life sciences and medical technology by applying for designation with Ohio Life Sciences, the statewide association representing nearly 5,000 industry establishments.

Modeled after Massachusetts' respected BioReady Community Program, the designation helps communities demonstrate strengths in infrastructure, workforce, real estate, and supportive policy — key factors in attracting high-value medical technology and biotech companies. By pursuing this status, Beachwood is signaling a clear commitment to expanding an industry that delivers high-paying jobs and life-saving innovation.

The evaluation will assess the city's readiness to support continued growth of life science companies, including zoning and available facilities, as well as access to talent and the business climate. For Beachwood, the designation is both a validation of its momentum and a tool to further position the city as a premier destination for companies seeking to innovate, expand, and collaborate within the life sciences environment.

Beachwood's Tech Ecosystem

The City of Beachwood is strengthening its position as a regional hub for technology-driven business growth, supported by strong talent access and proximity to major research and healthcare institutions.



Recent expansions underscore this momentum, including 911 Cellular relocating to Beachwood with



new research and development roles. Surgical Theater is also expanding its longtime presence by moving its headquarters to a new Chagrin Boulevard showroom and office. Together, these developments show that Beachwood is attracting innovative tech firms and giving them the environment they need to thrive.

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Salute to Veterans

Mayor Justin Berns proclaimed Sunday, Nov. 9, as a day to express our deepest gratitude to all veterans and their families whose strength and support uphold the values of freedom and democracy.

He presented a proclamation to Rosemary Nemeth, president of the Beachwood Historical Society, at the beginning of the Veterans Day Ceremony held in Beachwood. This ceremony is a collaboration between the City of Beachwood and the Beachwood Historical Society.

"Special thanks to City Council members, Beachwood Public Works, Beachwood Community Services, and residents," Rosemary said. "Thanks also go to all of the veterans and their families who were in attendance."

The Salute to Veterans Ceremony took place in our welcoming Community Center. The Honor Guard, which included officers Jamey Appell and Robert Martel, from the Beachwood Police Department, along with Lt. Dave Peterson and firefighter Donald Balog, from the Beachwood Fire Department, presented the colors. They were flanked by the waving red, white, and blue flags that were carried by Boy and Girl Scout Troops

620, 71906, 71962, and 70642. Prior to this event, the Scouts also helped to make cards for the veterans, which will be distributed to the VA Hospital and area nursing homes. Joe Biden said, "Veterans are the steel spine of our country."

Our first president of the United States, George Washington, emphasized the importance of liberty and the responsibility that comes with it.

Jack Drage, who served in the Army Engineer Corps, discussed his time spent engineering and building bridges in the U.S. He was the first presenter to share about our freedoms. He's been living in our community for 49-plus years and continues to serve.

The next presenter was Ashlee Reale, who served in the Army. She shared her stories about being in faraway lands protecting and promoting peace. She told about her adventures of dropping out of planes. She said she was filled with excitement when she was on duty and received care

packages from home that had Girl Scout cookies in them. All of the Girl Scouts in the room were smiling. Ashlee continues to serve as the Community Impact Manager at the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission in Cleveland.

Rosemary then shared a quote by John F. Kennedy: "The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid for it."

Jalicia Ruffin, who served in the Air Force, spoke next. She was in the Military Police. She wore her uniform proudly. Did you know that 12% of the veterans in the USA are women? According to Alexander Hamilton, "There is a certain enthusiasm in liberty that makes human nature rise above itself in acts of bravery and heroism."

Jalicia and the veterans who came for this ceremony fit that description.

Police officer Robert Martel taught us about places like Qatar and the "Red Horse" units in the Air Force, which are designed for rapid deployment worldwide for heavy construction and

repair projects in high-threat environments. Officer Martel continues to serve Beachwood as a police officer.

According to Rosemary,
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The flame of freedom is burning. According to Rosemary, "We know that freedom is not free and our democracy is delicate."

The ceremony concluded with the song *God Bless America*, performed by The Ohio State Marching Band and Chorus. A reception immediately followed.

"May we all take time to thank a veteran," said Col. Joe Sarakaitis.

Then, Rosemary ended the ceremony with this quote by Ronald Regan: "We have to fight for freedom, protect it, defend it, and then hand it down to our children."

Because of veterans, we have peace and security. God bless the veterans. God bless America.



The City of Beachwood and Beachwood Historical Society honored veterans at this year's Veterans Day Ceremony. Pictured are administrators, public officials, and veterans.

Standing, from left: Jillian DeLong, Josh Mintz, Eric Synenberg, Julio Pelsmejer, Jamey Appell, Jack Drage, Rob Martrel, Ashlee Reale, Burt Siebert, Andree Hassell, Don Balog, George Vourlojanis, Lt. Dave Person, Mo Safenovitz, Mayor Justin Berns, Danielle Shoykhet, and Rosemary Nemeth.

Sitting: Al Muhle and Jalicia Ruffin.

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Bryden Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Beachwood City Schools will celebrate the opening of the new Bryden School with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Dec. 17. The event, held in the new Bryden gymnasium, marks the culmination of an exciting 18-month construction project that will provide an exceptional learning environment for the district's youngest learners from preschool through second grade.

The ceremony will feature remarks from Dr. Robert Hardis, Superintendent; Megan Walsh, President of the Board of Education; Michelle Nizen, Principal of Bryden Elementary; Ryan Schmit, Project Architect with ThenDesign Architecture; and William Schurman, Owner of Hammond Construction. The celebration will conclude with a ribbon cutting led by Principal Nizen and select Bryden students, officially opening the new building.

All Bryden students and staff, along with district officials, and local civic leaders, will join in the celebration. Students in kindergarten through second grade will begin classes in their new school after winter break on Jan. 8, while preschool students will transition to the new building at the start of the 2026-2027 school year.



Affinity Groups Celebrate Culture and Community

Beachwood City Schools continue to foster a sense of community through a series of Affinity Group celebrations which highlight the district's diversity. This fall, students, staff, and families have come together to celebrate the traditions that make Beachwood such a vibrant community.

The Hispanic & Latino Affinity Group hosted a Hispanic & Latino Heritage Month celebration that featured live music, traditional dancing, and authentic food. The Indian American Affinity Group in collaboration with the AANHPI Club organized a colorful Diwali celebration filled with music, cultural performances, activities, and festive food. Finally, the Neurodiversity Family Network offered a free workshop with guest speaker Mike McLeod, an ADHD & Executive Functioning Specialist, who presented on Growing Students' Executive Functioning Skills.

To learn more about the district's Affinity Groups, please scan the QR code.



BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS



Recent Resolutions

- Recognition of 24 National Merit honorees
- Update on Elementary facility projects
- Presentation about state report card

Upcoming Board Actions

- Update on SPIRIT Team
- Organizational Meeting
- Review of Bryden move-in

Board Meeting Calendar

- Monday, Dec. 8 @ 7:00 p.m.



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25100 Fairmount Blvd.

Hilltop Orchestra Concert

Dec. 11, 7:00 p.m.
25100 Fairmount Blvd.

Bryden Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Dec. 17, 1:00 p.m.
25252 Letchworth



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Beachwood High School Celebrates National Honor Society Inductees



Beachwood High School celebrated the induction of 36 students into the National Honor Society at a ceremony on Oct. 15. NHS is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. The ceremony began with a performance by the Beachwood High School orchestra followed by remarks from BHS Principal Paul Chase. National Honor Society members Tristan Brown, Siena James, Mirica Woodley, and Anna Tonyushkin followed with brief descriptions of the significance of the four NHS pillars: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

This year's inductees then stepped forward to light a candle, symbolizing their commitment to uphold these pillars, and together, they recited the pledge of induction. Guest speaker Pam Crossman and National Honor Society advisor Dr. Casey Matthews concluded the ceremony with their words of encouragement and inspiration.

BHS Orchestra to Perform Across Europe in 2028



The Beachwood High School Orchestra is preparing for the experience of a lifetime with its upcoming Grand Tour to Europe, scheduled for Spring Break 2028. The nine-day trip, organized by Grand Tours, has the ensemble traveling to Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich. Students will have the opportunity to perform in historical venues on an international stage, while immersing themselves in the culture and traditions that inspired composers such as Mozart and Beethoven.

Highlights on the proposed itinerary include a sightseeing tour of Prague's Old Town, an evening concert in Vienna, a school performance and visit to the birthplace of Mozart in Salzburg, and a stop in Munich to conclude the trip.

Orchestra teacher Allison Siekmann presented the trip proposal to the Board of Education in October and it was officially approved in November. Beyond the concerts and sightseeing, the tour offers students an exceptional educational and cultural experience with music, history, and travel, providing Beachwood's young musicians an opportunity to grow and develop as musicians and global citizens.

Congratulations to this year's inductees:

Seniors - Class of 2026

Noah Ahn, Colin Elwell, Derek Fan, Ellen Hawkins, Mica Henderson, David Nikitin, Natalia Zeiler.

Juniors - Class of 2027

Jerry Aburime, Romi Balkan, Sadie Barnholtz, Arnab Bokil, Amaya Brown, Vivian Buzzard, Benjamin Chao, Nicholas Cheng, Yasha Cohen, Riley Dodds, Maya Gorodeski, Asher Hardis, Ritika Iyer, Annaya Jain, So Eun Kang, Nimisha Kasliwal, Seohyun Kwon, Joseph Mo, Daniel Park, Samuel Park, Gianna Preston, Marley Readance, Kathryn Roush, Alma Saltzman, Charley Soroka, Colin Tew, Ravid Tirosh, Amber Zhang, Eva Zheng

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Fall Sports Recap

Cross Country

The boys and girls cross country teams capped off outstanding seasons marked by several historic accomplishments. The boys team placed third at the CVC Chagrin Division Championship and sixth at the district meet to advance to regionals, while the girls team was sixth at the conference meet. At regionals, Junbo Wang, Meena Abdul-Basser and Sasha Kheyfets punched their tickets to the OHSAA State Championships, marking the first time in school history that three runners advanced to the state championship in the same year. It also marked the first time in program history that both a male and female advanced to the state meet in the same year. Wang and Kheyfets earned first team all-league honors, while Asher Hardis and Peter Adobamen earned second team honors. Aaron Zheng, Artiom Tkachenko, Angelica Tall, and Sophia Wang garnered honorable mention accolades.



Boys Soccer

Beachwood rolled to its fifth consecutive CVC Metro Division title and its 11th conference championship overall. The Bison finished the year with a 12-6-2 record, including 4-0-1 in the CVC, and advanced to the OHSAA District finals for the fourth straight season. Asher Gearity was named the CVC Player of the Year, first team all-district and earned All-Ohio honors. He was joined on the all-league team by first team selections Leo Wang and Daniel Park, second team honorees Avi Golubitsky and Jose Agudelo, and honorable mention pick Colin Tew. Gearity, Wang, and Park were also first team all-district selections. Head coach Brian Greene was named the CVC Coach of the Year and also reached 300 wins for his career during the season. The senior class concluded their careers with 67 wins, the most by a class in program history.

Girls Soccer

The Bison wrapped up an impressive 2025 season with an overall record of 11-3-2, which included 10 shutouts. The team also earned a strong second place finish in the CVC Metro Division with a 4-1 mark. Lilah Droe was named the CVC Most Valuable Performer and was joined on the all-league first team by Marley Readance and Zoe Walters. Julia Bravo and Alison Stephens were named to the second team, while Jocelyn Owens and Morgan Jackson were honorable mention selections. Droe and Walters were also named first team all-district.



Girls Tennis

The girls' tennis team, led by captains Ida Chang, Charlotte Doughty, and Mattie Spaller, had a very successful season, finishing with a 12-7 record and placing third in the CVC Chagrin Division. Sarah Zhou had a strong showing at the sectional tournament, finishing in fourth place to advance to the OHSAA District Championships. Doughty and Eva Zheng were named second team all-league, while Lyndia Zheng and Ella Zoller were honorable mention picks.



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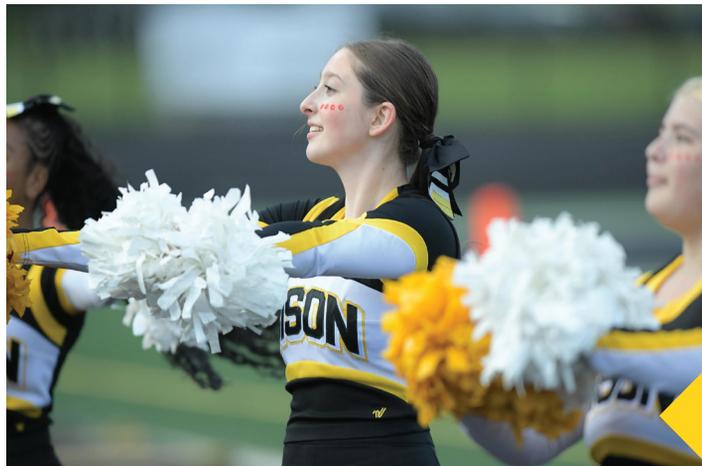
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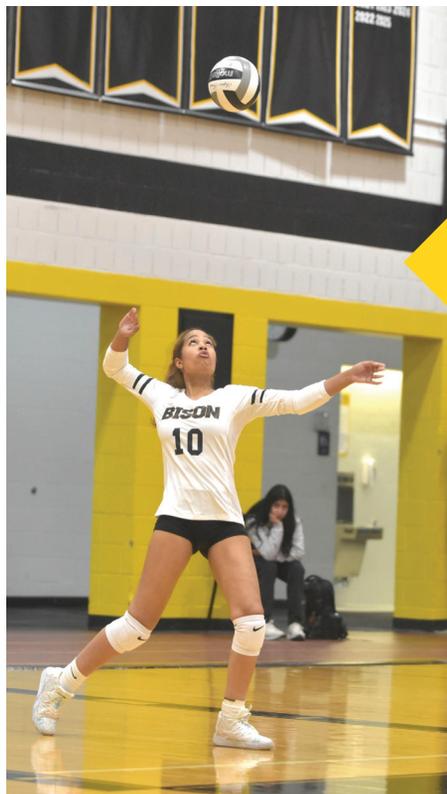
Football

A youthful Bison squad - featuring just three juniors and one senior along with 20 sophomores and freshmen - showed tremendous growth throughout the season under first-year head coach Jonathan Gonnell. The team capped its campaign with a 41-0 victory over Vanlue in the season finale. With captains Diez Williams, Tristan Brown, and Dylan Paul leading the way, the Bison embraced the motto "Raise the Standard" throughout the season, with every student-athlete demonstrating commitment to the program and its future success.



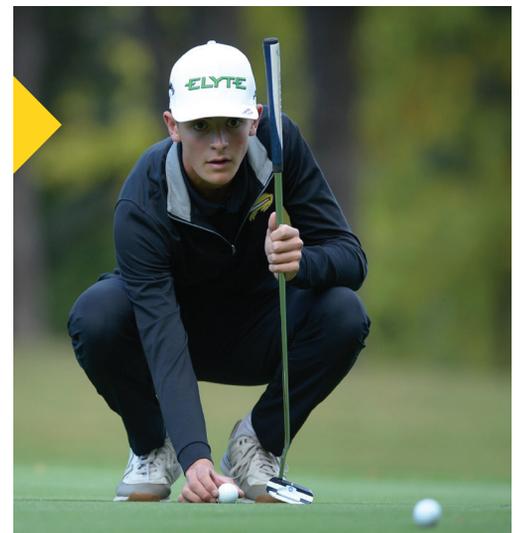
Cheerleading

The cheerleading team continued to show improvement under the leadership of head coach Jocelyn Noel. Participation numbers once again grew and the group brought energy and excitement to every contest. The squad capped the fall season by performing at the CVC Cheerleading Showcase at Perry High School. The team was led by seniors Elle Beck, Micai Henderson, Samira Shabazz, Savanna Shields, Yeru Shim, Sami Stimpert, Ilana Thal and Natalia Zeiler.



Boys Golf

The boys golf team enjoyed a very successful season with a runner-up finish at the CVC Championship. Gavi Lappen and Lucas Venditti earned first team all-league honors after finishing second and fourth, respectively, at the conference championship. Ethan Malek and Liav Perez garnered second team all-league honors. The team won the CVC Metro Division Preseason tournament with a team score of 331, which was a 46 stroke improvement from last year's event.



Volleyball

Led by first team all-league selections Kaylin Hilliard and Casie Baker, the Bison finished the season with a 16-4 overall record and placed third in the CVC at 9-3. The team won its first seven matches to open the season and also had a six-match win streak late in the season. Miriam Aschkenasy earned second team all-league honors, while Gianna Preston and Riley Dodds were honorable mention picks. Hilliard, Preston, Dodds, and Baker all earned All District honors. Shaneice James was selected as the CVC Coach of the Year.

Boos, Brunch & Bingo

Big Fun and Big Impact for Beachwood Schools Foundation

The Beachwood Schools Foundation's inaugural Boos, Brunch & Bingo event proved that fundraising can be frightfully fun! Held Oct. 27 at the Cleveland Marriott East, the Halloween-themed brunch drew more than 125 spirited guests – many in costume – who came ready to play, laugh, and give back in support of Beachwood students.

Guests enjoyed mimosas, brunch favorites, and five lively rounds of bingo emceed by Cleveland's own Betty Aboddum, whose quick wit and infectious energy kept the room buzzing. She had the crowd in stitches as she described how the big "Austin, Texas, Stiletto Heel Showdown" left her recovering in bedazzled hot pink platform Crocs – a true fashion statement!

Between games, attendees checked out raffle prizes ranging from generous gift cards to local restaurants and shops to a Gozney pizza oven and a "Boo-ze Coffin" filled with top-shelf spirits, all donated by generous local supporters.

Thanks to our sponsors, attendees, and volunteers, the event raised more than \$15,000 to fund student scholarships and Above & Beyond classroom grants – helping teachers bring innovative ideas to life and ensuring Beachwood students have access to extraordinary learning experiences.

Most exciting for the Foundation was a special fifth round of bingo, which raised enough money to fund a Leadership Scholarship award in 2026.

The Foundation extends heartfelt thanks to its presenting



sponsor, Brindza, McIntyre & Seed, LLP, and to all who contributed to this year's success.

As one attendee put it, "It was the most fun I've ever had raising money for our schools." Plans are already underway for next year's Boos, Brunch & Bingo – and if this first event was any indication, it's sure to become a spooktacular tradition for years to come!



Beachwood Schools Foundation board members pose in front of the photo wall.

Guests enjoyed a delicious brunch while emcee Betty Aboddum called the first round of bingo.

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Holiday Shopping Made Easy at Legacy Village

Make Legacy Village your one-stop holiday shopping destination for everyone on your list and enjoy the magic of the season. With festive décor, adult to-go drinks, holiday traditions, and plenty of free parking, Legacy Village is sure to put you in the holiday spirit.

HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING FOR EVERYONE ON YOUR LIST

It's a breeze to find special gifts for everyone on your list.

For the men, check out Dick's Sporting Goods and Jos. A Bank. The ladies will love the stylish selections at LOFT, Lilly Pulitzer, Chico's, White House Black Market, and Knuth's Boutique. You'll also find great gifts at L.L. Bean, J.Crew Factory, Crate & Barrel, Locally Spruced, and Nordstrom Rack.

Have a beauty lover on your list? Give the gift of glam with pampering experiences from Ladies & Gentlemen Salon and Spa, Drybar, Deka Lash, and Anthony Vince Nail Salon. Don't forget to treat yourself while you shop – with a blowout, manicure, pedicure or massage.

Planning holiday gatherings? The entire family will appreciate a gift from the Legacy Village Home District. Swing by Crate & Barrel for festive décor and entertaining essentials, as well as beautiful furniture collections from Arhaus. Explore stylish designs at Ethan Allen, and don't miss the comfort pieces offered by LoveSac.

For those on your shopping list who are hard to shop for, or who just can't make up their mind about what they would like this year, give the gift of a Legacy Village gift card. Gift cards may be purchased at the self-serve kiosk located by the escalators between Lee Hayden Gallery and Starbucks; at the mall office Monday–Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; or by phone at 216.382.3871.

More fun coming to Legacy Village

There are a handful of restaurants and retailers set to open at Legacy Village in the coming months! Creating a new era in dining, four new restaurants are set to open before next summer – Saffron Patch, EVOO, Shinto Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar and The Legacy.

Additionally, Flow Yoga will be opening a new location at Legacy Village, Knuth's Boutique has just opened a pop-up through March of next year and Zebrano Furniture joins the tenant mix in the Home District.

There's so much happening, and we are so thrilled to keep you in the loop on all of it. Be sure to follow Legacy Village on social media for all the updates!

Seasonal 'cheer' adds to shopping experience

Whether you prefer a spiked hot chocolate, hot toddy, beer or wine, treat yourself to an adult beverage while you shop and stroll Legacy Village's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA). Stop by participating DORA restaurants and look for a DORA decal on the doors of participating retailers who welcome shoppers with DORA beverages.

Decked out for the holidays

Legacy Village's festive décor is the perfect holiday backdrop complete with a 36-foot decorated tree, holiday lights and a life size JOY sign that can help you #CreateJOY with your friends and family. Make sure to tag @LegacyVillage when posting on social media for a chance to win a \$100 gift card.

Stay tuned on social media to participate in Legacy Village's "12 Days of Giveaways" this holiday season. Be sure to follow Legacy Village on Facebook and Instagram (@LegacyVillage) and on TikTok (@LegacyVillageOH) to stay in the loop about photo contests, holiday events, gift card giveaways, restaurant and retailer promotions, and more.



SHOP LOCAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND SPREAD JOY

The holiday season invites us to slow down, look around, and remember what truly matters – connection, community, and the joy of supporting one another. While online shopping has its conveniences, there’s something undeniably special about choosing to shop local, especially during this time of year. When we step into neighborhood boutiques, bakeries, galleries, and family-run shops, we’re doing far more than checking names off a gift list – we’re uplifting the people and places that make our community vibrant.

STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Every dollar spent locally creates a ripple effect. Independent businesses often source goods, services, and talent from within the community. That means your purchase doesn’t just help one shop owner – it supports local artisans, accountants, delivery drivers, and other small businesses that work behind the scenes. Studies consistently show that

money spent at a local business recirculates within the community at a far higher rate than money spent at a national retailer.

When you choose a handmade item from a neighborhood craft shop or pick up gift cards from a locally owned restaurant, you’re investing in the economic health of the place we call home. In a season defined by generosity, that impact is a gift in itself.



A SEASON TO CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

This holiday season, consider exploring the small shops and pop-ups close to home. Wander through decorated storefronts, sip a drink from a neighborhood restaurant, and discover gifts that carry authenticity and warmth.

By choosing to shop local, you’re nurturing the heartbeat of our community and spreading joy where it’s needed most. And in the spirit of the season, that may be the most meaningful gift of all.

CREATING JOBS CLOSE TO HOME

Small businesses are reliable employers and play a crucial role in keeping jobs within our community. When you shop locally, your purchases help sustain existing positions and open doors for new

opportunities – especially during the holidays, when many neighbors rely on seasonal work to support their families. Choosing local means you’re directly investing in people who live and work right here at home.

PRESERVING COMMUNITY

Local shops add character and charm to our neighborhood. They’re the coffee shop where the barista knows your order, the restaurant that personally welcomes you, and the boutique that knows your style. Without them, communities become less distinctive and less personal.

By shopping local this holiday season, you help preserve the unique small businesses that create a sense of identity and belonging. These are the places where relationships form, traditions grow, and memories take shape.

FOSTERING PERSONAL CONNECTIONS

Shopping local is not just a transaction. It’s an experience. Store owners greet you with a genuine smile, take time to learn what you’re looking for, and often go above and beyond to help you find the perfect gift. These one-on-one interactions – warm, human, and heartfelt – are rare in

a world of automated checkouts and anonymous online orders. Stepping into a local shop can feel like stepping into a pocket of holiday spirit. Many small stores brighten the neighborhood with lights, music, and cheer. Your presence contributes to that feeling of joy.



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SPREADING JOY IN MEANINGFUL WAYS

Shopping local is one of the simplest ways to spread joy. It brings smiles to business owners, helps families thrive, and strengthens the very spaces where neighbors gather. It also offers opportunities for you to connect – whether by chatting with a local business owner or

someone on their staff, sharing a recommendation with a friend, or gifting something made with love.

Joy multiplies when it's shared. And during a time when the world could always use more kindness and light, every small act of support matters.

SUPPORTING DREAMS AND HARD WORK

Behind every local business is a dream – an entrepreneur who took a risk, poured in time and heart, and hoped the community would embrace their vision. Purchasing from these businesses is a way of saying: We see you. We believe in what you do. That kind

of encouragement can be profoundly meaningful.

During the holidays when emotions run deeper and gratitude shines brighter, supporting someone's livelihood becomes an act of kindness that echoes far beyond the season.



FINDING ONE-OF-A-KIND GIFTS

When you shop local, you're far more likely to discover gifts with personality and meaning. Small, local businesses often offer pieces you won't find anywhere else – handcrafted jewelry, unique artwork, homemade baked

goods, limited-edition items, and thoughtful experiences.

Gifts like these carry stories. They speak of creativity, craft, and connection – qualities that resonate deeply during the holidays.

A SEASON TO CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

This holiday season, consider exploring the local shops listed in these ads. Wander through decorated storefronts, dine at neighborhood restaurants, and discover gifts that carry authenticity and warmth.

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When Grief Meets the Holidays: You Don't Have to Walk Alone

The holiday season can be one of the most tender times of the year for anyone grieving the death of a loved one, especially after a cancer journey. While the world around us shines with lights, traditions, and celebration, grief often arrives quietly and sits beside us. It can make familiar moments feel unfamiliar and turn routines into reminders.

"Grief is not simply sadness; it can be disorientation, exhaustion, anger, relief, guilt, gratitude and longing all braided together," says Karen Hatfield, LPMT, MT-BC, CHPCA, chief program officer at The Gathering Place (TGP). "For caregivers especially, the moment of

death does not end the work, it begins a new chapter of living without your loved one."

At TGP, we walk with people in the next chapter, especially during the holidays, when emotions are heightened and support is needed most.

Holiday Grief Is Real. And You Are Not Alone.

When someone we love dies, the holidays can stir a swirl of emotions:

- Longing for traditions that feel different now
- Guilt about celebrating or not celebrating
- Pressure to "be okay" around family

- Unexpected waves of sadness
- Moments of genuine joy that may feel confusing

These reactions are normal. Grief doesn't follow the calendar, and it doesn't pause for holiday gatherings.

How The Gathering Place Can Support You

Our free grief resources are offered by trained clinical staff who understand cancer, loss, and the emotional landscape that follows. We support adults, children, teens, and families with programs available before and after loss.

Research from the National Alliance for Caregiving shows that caregivers are at higher risk for depression, sleep disturbance, immune disruption, and heart strain after prolonged care. You deserve support during this season and all year long.

At TGP, we walk with people in the next chapter, especially during the holidays, when emotions are heightened and support is needed most.

Upcoming Holiday Grief Programs

Hope for the Holidays

The holiday season can be difficult for those grieving the death of a loved one. Learn coping tips and receive support.

- Tuesday, Dec. 2 • 6-7 p.m.
TGP Beachwood

Holiday Remembrance Gathering

A gentle, reflective gathering for anyone who has lost a loved one to cancer. Bring a photo of your loved one and, in a quiet and supportive space, decorate a frame, share memories, and honor the love that continues through the season.

- Monday, Dec. 15 • 2-3:30 p.m.
TGP Westlake



Ongoing Grief Support Groups:

Adult Grief Support Group

Monthly groups for adults adjusting to life after the death of a loved one to cancer.

- Second Tuesday, 2-3:30 p.m.
Fourth Tuesday, 6-7:30 p.m.
TGP Westlake
- Third Wednesday
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m.
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Family Grief Group

For parents and children who have experienced the death of a loved one due to cancer.

- Second Saturday
9:30-10:30 a.m.
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Sibling Grief Group

For children who have lost a sibling to childhood cancer.

- Second Saturday
9:30-10:30 a.m.
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Advance registration is required for programming and support groups. To register, visit touchedbycancer.org/calendar.

We Are Here to Help

TGP is here for anyone impacted by cancer, always at no cost. To learn more, visit touchedbycancer.org or call 216.595.9546.

Tips for Navigating Grief During the Holidays

Here are a few gentle, research-supported ways to care for yourself this season:

- Give yourself permission to feel everything. There is no "right way" to grieve. Joy and sadness can coexist.
- Adjust traditions or create new ones. You can honor your loved one with a candle, a recipe, a story, or a photo. It's okay to simplify traditions or skip them altogether.
- Set boundaries based on your energy.
- It's okay to leave early, arrive late, or say, "Thank you, but not this time."
- Lean on your support system. Let trusted people know what you need – that could be quiet company, conversation, help with meals, or time for yourself.
- Remember your body. Grief impacts sleep, immunity, and heart health. Gentle walks, hydration, rest, and good nutrition can help steady you.
- Seek grief-informed support. Connection and community are protective. Speaking your grief aloud and sharing memories can ease isolation and reduce emotional strain. Don't be afraid to reach out for professional support in addition to the support offered by friends and family.

Beachwood Holiday Pop-Up Shop

Get into the holiday spirit at the Beachwood Holiday Pop-Up Shop on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., at Beachwood High School.



This festive community market will feature more than 65 vendors, offering everything from skincare, candles, and home décor to baked treats, pottery, jewelry, personalized gifts, tie-dye, ornament and trucker hat bars, and much more – perfect for your holiday shopping.

New this year is Young Entrepreneur Alley, where 27 student entrepreneurs (grades K–12) – many from the Young Entrepreneur Institute – will showcase their creations and services. This institute empowers youth to succeed in entrepreneurial endeavors.

The event is organized by parents of the Class of 2026, with proceeds benefiting After Prom.

“Please support this event,” said Sherri Malek, event chair. “It’s a great way to cross some names off your holiday shopping list, support local artists, and help us reach our 2026 After Prom goal!”

The senior class will run the food concession stand, and visitors can enter to win fantastic raffle baskets. With free admission, it’s the perfect opportunity to supporting artists, students, and the Beachwood community.

For more information, contact Sherri at 30sherrim@gmail.com.

Help Us Keep Sweet Dreams for Kids Alive



Chaya Dalya Berezovsky with her mother, Wendy Berezovsky.

Sweet Dreams for Kids has spent 17 years bringing comfort and smiles to children in hospitals – delivering over 36,000 pairs of brand-new pajamas all over the world to kids who need a little extra love.

Now – more than ever – they need your help to keep going.

“As we celebrate 17 years of giving, we’re asking you – our amazing community – to help us raise \$1,700 before Dec. 30 – for our 17th anniversary,” said Chaya Dalya Berezovsky, Sweet Dreams for Kids president.

“It’s easy to make a difference,” she added. “Skip one week of

coffee and donate that amount instead, share our story with family and friends, and encourage others to help us reach our goal. Every dollar helps bring warmth, comfort, and smiles to children facing difficult hospital stays.”

To donate today, please visit www.sweetdreamsforkids.org or email Wendy@sweetdreamsforkids.org.

“Help us take the ‘ick’ out of sick for kids everywhere,” Chaya Dalya said. “Together, we can make sure Sweet Dreams for Kids keeps delivering hope – one pair of pajamas at a time.”

Celebrate 19 Kislev: An Evening of Joy, Inspiration, and Connection

Women and girls from across the community are invited to a special 19 Kislev Dinner and Talk on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m., at the Waxman Chabad Center, 2479 S. Green Rd. in Beachwood.

Guests will enjoy a festive dinner, live music, and an inspiring talk by Amanda Spiro, from Montreal, Canada. A sought-after speaker who captivates her audiences, Amanda will share her personal story and how Chassidic mystical teachings bring purpose, joy, and spiritual depth into her life’s journey.

The program offers meaningful conversation, uplifting music, and an opportunity to celebrate as part of a warm and welcoming community.

“19 Kislev reminds us of the sanctity and connection found in daily life. Chassidut isn’t just about spiritual reflection,” says Amanda. “It calls on us to transform the world around us through kindness, learning, and action.”

Individual tickets are \$36 in advance or \$40 at the door. A table sponsorship (11 seats) is \$350. Reserve your spot at www.chabadofcleveland.com/19Kislev.

For more information, contact Mazal Cohen at mazalc770@gmail.com.



Amanda Spiro

Amanda will share her personal story and how Chassidic mystical teachings bring purpose, joy, and spiritual depth into her life’s journey.

The day of 19 Kislev was established by Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, founder of the Chabad movement and author of the seminal work Tanya. It is celebrated as the New Year of Chassidut, when people reflect, find inspiration, and share how Chassidic thought and philosophy impact their lives in real and meaningful ways.

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Select Library Programs in December

Tuesday Book Chat

Tuesday, Dec. 9 • 7-8 p.m.

A discussion of *The Lion Women of Tehran*, by Marjan Kamali. Registration not necessary.

Author Marisa Silver

Wednesday, Dec. 10 • 7-8 p.m.

Author Marisa Silver visits to discuss her latest novel, *At Last*.
<https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/14965925>.

The Music of Bobby Darin featuring Debbie Darling

Friday, Dec. 12 • 2-3 p.m.

Debbie takes you on a musical journey through the life and works of Bobby Darin.
<https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/13849056>.

Knit & Lit

Monday, Dec. 15 • 6:30-8 p.m.

Join us for fiber arts and informal chats about what everyone is reading.
<https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/12829394>.

Third Wednesday

Book Discussion

Wednesday, Dec. 17 • 2-3 p.m.

A discussion of *Wellness*, by Nathan Hill. <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/14592800>.

Hebrew Language Storytime

Wednesday, Dec. 3 • 4-4:30 p.m.

Join us for stories, songs, movement, and rhymes in Hebrew and English. Presented in collaboration with the Mandel Jewish Community Center.

Play, Learn & Grow

Mondays, Dec. 1-29

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Boost your toddler's brain through play at this 5-week series for caregivers and children ages 1-3. Connect with your kids and other families, plus get information about your growing child. Registration required.

StoryWalk®

The November and December StoryWalk® in Beachwood City Park East is *Hazel Is All That*, by Chad Otis.

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Yarn Over Beachwood

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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 Dec. 5. and Jan. 2. Participants

create varied projects, including hats, scarves, bunnies, bears, lapghans, soap sacks, and more. With colder months ahead, warmer items, including scarves, hats, and mittens are very

welcome! Yarn donations are always welcome, too.

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

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Help Solve Park Synagogue's Chanukah Murder Mystery at 8 Candles to Kill!

Saturday, Dec. 13 • 6:30 p.m. • Park Synagogue • 27500 Shaker Blvd.

Join the fun at *8 Candles to Kill*, Park Synagogue's Chanukah-themed murder mystery event, complete with a gourmet buffet dinner, catered by Café 56, and featuring detective Lt. Columbo in his latest case. When beloved community rabbi and amateur ventriloquist, Rabbi Israel Goldman, collapses during a lavish Chanukah fundraiser

hosted by candle magnate Victor Kesten, Lt. Columbo is called to investigate. What begins as an apparent tragic accident soon reveals a tangle of rivalries, marketing schemes, and sticky motives. Lt. Columbo follows an illuminating trail of crumbs, candle wax, and corporate chutzpah. Come help Lt. Columbo, with his classic

rumpled raincoat and that "one-more-thing" smile, crack the case.

This fun evening will feature a gourmet kosher buffet dinner, complete with latkes, live music, and the comic and musical talents of Paul Floriano & Co. Put together a group of "detectives" or be seated with

others to help solve the murder mystery.

The cost is \$45 for Park Synagogue

members and \$50 for guests.

Prepaid reservations are required by Dec. 7 at www.parksynagogue.org.

Questions? Contact Ellen Petler at epetler@parksyn.org or 216.371.2244, ext. 122.



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