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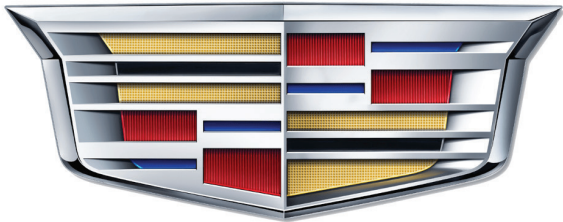


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# Letter from THE EDITOR

By Debby Zelman Rapoport



I regularly attend slow flow yoga classes, where the focus is a balance between *doing* and *being*. So much of life asks us to be in *doing* mode – planning, producing, responding, caring for others, and moving from one task to the next. *Being* is softer. It invites us to pause, breathe, notice, and simply be present in the moment we are in.

In class, that balance is easy to feel. We are guided. The movements are intentional, the pace is gentle, and there is space to notice rather than rush.

At the end of each class, one of my instructors, Deb, invites us to settle in, get comfortable, and take a few deep breaths as we are guided into *savasana*, the final resting pose.

Then, while we are lying on our mats with our eyes closed, she says, “Relaxation isn’t a reward – it’s our birthright.”

That beautiful sentiment lingers long after I roll up my mat because it invites me to reflect on how I move through my days. And I know I’m not alone.

Somewhere along the way, relaxation became something many of us feel we have to earn. Only after the work is done. After the emails are answered. After the house is in order, dinner is

prepared, and everything else on the list is checked off.

Too often, rest falls to the bottom of that list – postponed, rushed, or skipped altogether.

Whether or not we think of relaxation as a birthright, one thing feels clear: Our bodies and minds are not designed to be in constant motion. We need moments to breathe. When we truly slow down, our breath deepens, our minds quiet, our creativity returns, and we often sleep better. Overall, we feel better – and we show up more fully for ourselves and the people around us.

And now, welcome to summer. The days are longer and the warmth invites us to spend more time outdoors.

Even when life is busy, summer provides more invitations to pause: A morning walk. A quiet cup of coffee on the patio.

The warmth of the sun on our shoulders. The sound of birds, sprinklers, children playing, or leaves moving in the breeze.

Nature offers one of the most accessible forms of relaxation when we meet it with presence. A walk can be just another item on our to-do list, something we squeeze in while multitasking, or it can become something more meaningful when we put the phone away, look around, and let our senses take in what surrounds us.

The beauty of nature is always there; sometimes we simply forget to notice.

Being present gives us a brief rest from the planning, replaying, worrying and constant reaching for what comes next. It brings us back to now, allowing us to unwind and reconnect with ourselves.

This season, consider giving yourself permission to relax as an act of self-love, not as a reward for completing every task. Step outside without your phone – or turn on the Merlin app and listen for the birds around you. Sit on a bench a few minutes longer. Pause at the end of a walk. Take a deep breath and notice the gentle balance between *doing* and *being*.

There is no reason to wait until everything is done to prioritize rest. Nor is there reason to feel guilty for resting when everything is not done.

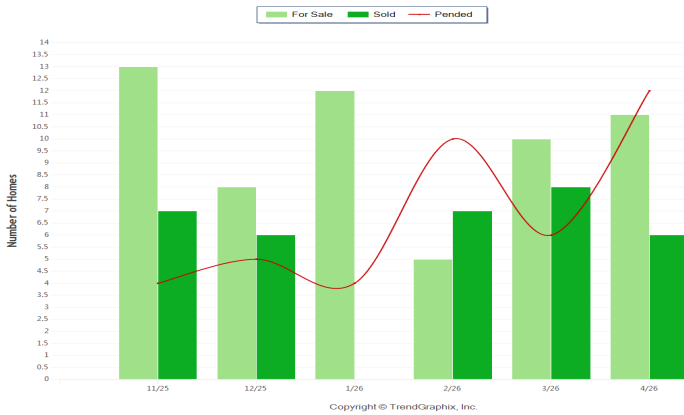
We all have the right, every day, to choose small ways to pause, notice, and simply be.

Relaxation is not a reward. It is a way of honoring ourselves, one breath, one pause, one quiet moment at a time.



Relaxation is not a reward.  
It is a way of honoring ourselves.

# Real Estate Statistical Update by Sharon Friedman



## Homes SOLD in Beachwood Feb. 12, 2026 – May 13, 2026

Street	Days	List	Sold	LP/SP%	Bed	Bath	Built
S Green	87	379,900	350,000	92%	3	2	1955
Hazelmere	8	350,000	400,000	114%	3	3	1964
Halworth	65	399,900	405,000	101%	4	3	1952
Halburton	4	439,000	451,500	103%	4	3	1954
Bryden	17	465,000	472,500	102%	3	4	1956
E Baintree	107	525,000	500,000	95%	5	3	1956
Ramsay	8	499,000	510,000	102%	3	3	1956
Hendon	1	515,000	515,000	100%	4	3	1973
E Baintree	37	499,000	520,000	104%	4	2	1950
Meldon	13	589,900	685,000	116%	4	3	1963
Belvoir	34	650,000	690,000	106%	5	5	1928
Annesley	5	699,000	693,200	99%	3	3	1969
Haverhill	11	719,500	709,000	99%	3	5	1993
Fairwood	55	725,000	725,000	100%	3	4	2008
Bryden	50	775,000	730,000	94%	4	3	1950
Bridgeton	1	699,000	750,000	107%	4	3	1968
S Belvoir	1	820,000	820,000	100%	5	5	1932
Halburton	12	849,000	850,000	100%	5	4	1978
Brian	59	875,000	850,000	97%	5	4	1968
Wendover	2	860,000	860,000	100%	4	5	1977
Shaker	32	950,000	900,000	95%	5	6	1959
Bernwood	33	995,000	1,000,000	101%	4	6	1984
Greenwich	253	1,697,000	1,697,000	100%	6	7	2026

“True to our prediction, Beachwood has experienced a robust selling season this spring with the number of sold listings up by 25% in April! Market time was reduced by 52% and average list price to sale price ratio improved to 101%. Home sales statistics for Beachwood are consistently better than the national average. 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

### Beachwood Market Update

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

## SHARON LISTS AND SELLS BEACHWOOD!



PENDING IN 5 DAYS!

**3 Windrush Ln in The Village**  
List price \$449,900  
3 Bed, 2.5 Bath TOWNHOME



JUST SOLD 6/26!

**26161 Shaker Boulevard**  
List price \$950,000  
4 Bed, 4.0 Bath COLONIAL



LISTED & SOLD BY SHARON IN 6 DAYS 5/26!

**25235 Penshurst Drive**  
List price \$895,000  
4 Bed, 3.5 Bath COLONIAL



JUST SOLD 5/26!

**4 Chelsea Ct in The Village**  
List price \$395,000  
2 Bed, 2.5 Bath TOWNHOME

### Sharon's Recent Beachwood Sales & Listings

- JUST SOLD 3/26: 2660 Ramsay Road list \$499,000
- JUST SOLD 3/26: 26091 Shaker Boulevard list \$950,000
- JUST SOLD 2/26: 5 Hampshire Ct in The Village list \$599,000
- JUST SOLD 2/26: 25805 Fairmount #107 Fairmount list \$399,900
- JUST SOLD IN 7 DAYS 12/25: 25219 Duffield Road list \$665,000
- JUST SOLD 12/25: 2172 Lyndway Road list \$450,000
- JUST SOLD 12/25: 27500 Cedar #305 in Point East list \$349,900
- JUST SOLD 11/25: 23420 Wendover Drive list \$650,000
- LISTED/SOLD IN 3 DAYS 11/25: 2500 Deborah Dr list \$550,000
- JUST SOLD 11/25: 23105 E Groveland Road list \$418,000
- JUST SOLD 11/25: 24335 Fairmount Blvd list \$367,500
- JUST SOLD 11/25: 3194 Richmond Rd Wedgewood list \$325,000
- JUST SOLD 10/25: 26701 Bernwood Road list \$799,000
- JUST SOLD 9/25: 25106 Duffield Road list \$745,000
- JUST LEASED: 2500 Deborah Dr list \$3,800/mnth
- JUST LEASED: 25111 S Woodland Road list \$3,300/mnth
- JUST LEASED: 2207 Campus Road list \$2,450/mnth



**Sharon Friedman Is The #1 Agent in Beachwood in 2025\***

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## Honoring a Legacy of Leadership:

Celebrating the lasting impact of former mayor Merle S. Gorden



Former Beachwood mayor Merle S. Gorden and his wife, Harriet, visit Gorden Gateway Park.

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# Mandel JCC Men's Club

## Mickey Katz Named Man of the Year

For men looking for connection, conversation and lifelong learning, the Mandel JCC Men's Club offers a welcoming place to begin the week.

Meeting most Mondays from 11 a.m. to noon at the Mandel JCC, the club brings members together for coffee, fellowship, learning, and meaningful discussion. The Men's Club is designed for men who enjoy staying engaged, informed, and connected, with programs that range from education, government, health, Israel, Jewish holidays and issues, tax laws, economic development, and more.

Previous guest speakers have included local, county, and state representatives, authors, professors, leaders of Northeast Ohio nonprofit organizations, and community professionals. Each Monday offers an opportunity to learn something new, be challenged by thoughtful ideas, and enjoy the company of others who value curiosity, conversation, and community.

Members also take part in member-led "rap" sessions, share perspectives, and build friendships in a relaxed, welcoming setting. Off-site meetings take place at Beachwood Library in July and August because of summer camps at The J.

Participants must be Mandel JCC members, and a special Men's Club-only membership rate is available.

Recent programming has also given members a closer look at the future of the Mandel JCC. At last month's meeting, Jesse Rosen, Mandel JCC president and CEO, shared updates on major plans to strengthen the JCC's role as a true center of the community.

The vision includes significant investments in Jewish day and overnight camp experiences, year-round programming, and improved spaces for members,

families, and the broader community. Plans include bringing day camp fully back onto the Mandel JCC campus, expanding opportunities for children and families, and reinvesting in Camp Wise to help create meaningful Jewish summer experiences for the next generation.

Planned improvements include a new aquatic center, ropes course, archery, and field house on the Beachwood campus, along with renovated camp facilities, updated cabins, a new dining hall, and activity spaces at Camp Wise – renovations designed to serve campers today while preparing for the next 50 years. The current outdoor pool will continue to serve members, while new facilities will allow for stronger separation between camp and member use.

The JCC is also planning renovations to Stonehill Auditorium, creating a more flexible, high-quality multipurpose space for meetings, performances, film festivals, author events, and community programs. Additional upgrades to the fitness center are also part of the broader effort to create spaces that match the quality and depth of Mandel JCC programming.

As Jesse shared, the second "C" in JCC stands for "center" – and the goal is to continue strengthening the Mandel JCC as a center of Jewish life, learning, wellness, and community connection.

Following Jesse's presentation, the Men's Club presented a \$500 donation to support the organization's camp programs.

Like many successful organizations, the Men's Club's continued strength depends



Mickey Katz honored as JCC Men's Club Man of the Year.

on the dedication of volunteers who give generously of their time, leadership, and talent. That spirit of service was recently celebrated when the club honored longtime member and leader Mickey Katz as its Man of the Year.

The new annual Man of the Year recognition was created to thank the volunteers who help make the Men's Club possible. As longtime member Bob Young noted, the club's success depends on the dedication of members who step forward and serve.

Mickey began his journey with the Men's Club more than 40 years ago, when the organization was thriving in both membership and financial strength. In the years that followed, however, the Men's Club faced significant challenges. By the 1990s, membership had declined, financial resources were strained, and strong leadership was needed.

At that critical moment, Mickey stepped forward.

Bringing his financial expertise, steady leadership, and deep commitment to the organization, Mickey took on the role of treasurer and became deeply involved in nearly every facet of the club's operations. His work

extended well beyond managing finances. Mickey helped maintain membership records, coordinate speakers, and strengthen the organizational foundation that allowed the Men's Club to rebuild and move forward.

For 10 years, Mickey did nearly every job needed to keep the club going. Bob described Mickey as someone who "single-handedly ran this club for 10 years" and deserves deep appreciation for all he has done.

His dedication and hands-on approach proved instrumental in revitalizing the Men's Club. Because of Mickey's perseverance and commitment, the organization not only recovered, but grew into the vibrant and successful club its members know today.

Those who know Mickey understand that his impact has been measured by his willingness to step in, follow through, and help wherever needed.

Congratulations to Mickey on this meaningful recognition.

To learn more or become involved, visit [www.mandeljcc.org/mens-club](http://www.mandeljcc.org/mens-club), call 216.831.0700, ext. 0, email [infodesk@mandeljcc.org](mailto:infodesk@mandeljcc.org), or contact Gary Moskowitz at 440.565.7196.



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Former Beachwood mayor Merle S. Gorden (left) visits the newly renamed Gorden Gateway Park with his wife, Harriet, and children, Carey and Jamie.

# HONORING A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

## CELEBRATING THE LASTING IMPACT OF FORMER MAYOR MERLE S. GORDEN

**O**n a beautiful spring afternoon, more than 100 people gathered in the Beachwood Community Center to honor a leader whose imprint on the Beachwood community is substantial and lasting.

Former mayor Merle S. Gorden sat beside his wife, Harriet, with their children, Carey and Jamie, nearby as current and former staff members, council representatives, business leaders, friends, and residents came together for the dedication of Gorden Gateway Park – a permanent tribute to Beachwood’s longest-serving mayor, with nearly 45 years of devotion to the city he helped shape.

The newly named park, formerly City Park West, is the gateway that stands as a symbol of service, vision, and the enduring power of leadership rooted in community.

“This is a very special occasion for the City of Beachwood,” Mayor Justin Berns announced to the crowd. “It gives us the opportunity to recognize a leader whose vision, commitment, and service have helped shape the community we know today.”

Mayor Berns introduced legislation last September to rename the park in Merle’s honor and City Council unanimously approved the measure. In his remarks at the dedication, Mayor Berns thanked council for recognizing the importance of creating a lasting tribute to a man whose influence can still be felt throughout Beachwood.



Former mayor Merle S. Gorden, Beachwood’s longest-serving mayor, helped shape the city through nearly 45 years of leadership, vision, and service.



Tina Turick, center, celebrates former mayor Merle S. Gorden with Mayor Justin Berns and former mayor Martin Horwitz. During her decades of service to the City of Beachwood, Tina has worked alongside all three mayors and one thing they agree on unanimously is that she has been their shining star.

Merle's service to the city began long before he became mayor. He volunteered as a Beachwood firefighter from 1973 to 1989, served on City Council from 1989 to 1995, and then led the city as mayor for 23 years. Together, his service spans nearly four-and-a-half decades – a remarkable record of commitment to one community.

“Under Mayor Gorden’s leadership, Beachwood established the standard of excellence that our residents and businesses have come to expect today,” Mayor Berns said. “The strong neighborhoods, thriving business community, exceptional city services, and commitment to excellence that define Beachwood today are all part of the foundation built during his years of service.”

Those years were marked by extraordinary growth and transformation. During Merle’s tenure, Beachwood continued to distinguish itself as one of Northeast Ohio’s most desirable communities – a city known for thoughtful development, strong public services, business vitality, and a sense of possibility. Yet the dedication ceremony is about more than achievements on paper. It was about the people who witnessed his leadership firsthand and came forward to say, in their own ways: This honor is so well deserved.

## Quotes from the Tribute Video

[www.tinyurl.com/GordenGatewayPark](http://www.tinyurl.com/GordenGatewayPark)

**Rochelle Hecht • Planning and Zoning Commission, 1999–2025**

“His devotion to the city, his positive impact, and his legacy will not be forgotten.”

**Mel Jacobs • City Council, 1998–2017 • Friend for more than 65 years**

“Merle’s first love has always been his family – his wife, Harriet, and his children, Carey and Jamie. His second love, without a doubt, is the City of Beachwood.”

**Mark Wachter • City Council, 1999–2015**

“You recognized a need or an opportunity and turned it into a benefit for the City of Beachwood and Beachwood residents.”

**Margaret Cannon • Law Director, 1996–2014**

“Your vision and commitment were instrumental in making the development of the park happen.”

**Rosemary and Jim Nemeth • Beachwood Historical Society president and coordinator**

“You helped transition our little farming village into a dynamic city.”

**Karen Carmen • Community Services Director, 2000–2021**

Karen’s playful tribute honored her friendship with Merle and brought humor to this heartfelt moment: “MSG was kicked by a cow when he was a very young boy. It was very traumatic – so much so that even today he will not eat cheese, butter, or even drink milk.”

**Claire Rosacco • Tri-C, VP of Government Relations**

“Mayor Gorden understood that education is one of the most important investments a community can make.”

**Paula and Mike Rollins • Residents, Paula: Beachwood Arts Council president**

“Mayor Gorden believed in progress that people could feel.”

**Dell Duncan • Business Owner, Ohio Commerce Bank**

“The true measure of a great leader is how they treat people.”

**Bruce Hennes • Hennes Communications**

“Merle Gorden will forever be part of Beachwood’s success story.”

**Tina Turick • City Administrator, 1988–present**

“You built an environment where people felt supported, valued, and motivated to do their best work.”

Ryan Kennedy, the city's graphic designer, webmaster, and video editor created a tribute video that included heartfelt words from former administration members, city leaders, longtime colleagues, and friends.

Rochelle Hecht, a close friend and a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission from 1999–2025, spoke first:

"Today we celebrate Mayor Merle S. Gorden, who, through his wisdom and dedication, helped shape the future of the City of Beachwood. His devotion to the city, his positive impact, and his legacy will not be forgotten.

"Merle's vision for a park on Shaker Median West, later carried over to Shaker East, brought a peaceful place to connect with nature – an oasis in the middle of the city that is enjoyed by all.

"His devotion to the city, his positive impact, and his legacy will not be forgotten."

Tina Turick, city administrator who started in 1988, closed the presentation by saying, "It is really an honor and a privilege to be here celebrating with you today. Over the course of my career, no one has had a greater impact on my journey than you. Your leadership, your trust, and the way you believed in me and in every member of your team truly shaped our careers in lasting ways.

"You built an environment where people felt supported, valued, and motivated to do their best work. On behalf of all city employees, past and present, thank you for your dedication to us. Thank you for your service to the City of Beachwood and for the lasting impact you have had on this entire community. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor."



Former mayor Merle S. Gorden is sworn in for another term as Beachwood mayor by his daughter, Carey, continuing a tenure marked by steady leadership, vision, and dedication to the city.

Each person's words shared a common thread: Merle led with purpose, worked tirelessly, and continues to care deeply about the city and its people. Additional sentiments are listed on page xx and the full tribute video can be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/GordenGatewayPark>.

Following the video, Merle addressed the crowd with heartfelt words filled with gratitude, humility, and affection. He introduced his family – Harriet, Carey, and

Jamie – as well as his sister Betsy and brother-in-law Ralph. He thanked Mayor Berns and City Council members for recognizing him in such a meaningful way. He also offered heartfelt thanks to those who had served beside him and those who continue to serve the city of Beachwood today.

Merle then gave special recognition to Tina, calling her the backbone of his staff and city government during his administration, while praising her due diligence, unwavering commitment, and the countless ways she helped keep Beachwood ahead of the curve. Congratulations to Tina, who was named a 2026 Hometown Hero (story on page 16).

Merle also recognized longtime friend and former City Council member Mel Jacobs, as well as Rochelle Hecht, a former member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. In doing so, he applauded all those who serve the community because they believe it is the right thing to do.

He then extended his appreciation to Beachwood's police, fire, and safety forces, noting that the community would not be what it is without their dedication. He also thanked Mayor Berns for his leadership and care for the city.

Mayor Berns then responded with words that captured the heart of the evening: "The city wouldn't be where it is today without you."



Former mayor Merle S. Gorden and his wife, Harriet, celebrate with residents during a Beachwood parade, reflecting the community spirit and personal connection that defined his years of service.



Great communities are built through countless decisions, long hours, personal sacrifice, and a belief that public service matters. They are built by leaders who keep showing up.

Former mayor Merle S. Gorden speaking with former Service Department staff members Dale Pekarek, Joe Arrietta, and Warren Morgan about plans to beautify our city.

That spirit of continuity – one generation of leadership honoring another – gave the gathering its emotional center. Gorden Gateway Park is not only a recognition of the past; it is a reminder of what civic leadership can accomplish over time. Great communities are built through countless decisions, long hours, personal sacrifice, and a belief that public service matters. They are built by leaders who keep showing up.

Mayor Berns reflected on the demands of the office with humor and sincerity, noting that mayors are rarely off duty. They are approached in grocery stores, stopped in parking lots, and expected to be available in both moments of celebration and moments

of concern. He joked that Merle may still be “cashing in on vacation time,” having taken so little of it during his many years in office.

Behind the laughter was a deeper truth: Merle Gorden gave Beachwood not only his time, but his energy, his focus, and a significant portion of his life. His family shared him with the city, and Mayor Berns made a point of thanking Harriet, Carey, and Jamie for that gift.

Gorden Gateway Park is more than a name. It is a reflection of Merle Gorden’s legacy: opening doors for Beachwood, strengthening the community’s foundation, and helping shape a city prepared to move confidently into the future.

After the ceremony, residents, colleagues, family, and friends enjoyed a dessert reception while sharing stories, laughter, and memories. This event was more than a dedication. It was a community coming together to thank a leader whose vision helped shape Beachwood, whose service strengthened it, and whose love for the city has always been unmistakable.

Thank you, Mayor Merle S. Gorden, for your decades of service, your steady leadership, and your enduring devotion to Beachwood. Your name now welcomes residents and visitors at one of the city’s gateways, just as your legacy remains woven into the heart of the community you helped build.

## Selected Accomplishments

- Since 2009, Beachwood businesses have invested more than \$800 million in new capital improvements
- Developed Chagrin Highlands
- Updated the 190-acre Commerce Park industrial/business center to accommodate residential, retail and service-related businesses
- Became one of the first communities in Ohio to install a reverse 911 system (now using CodeRED)
- Built/renovated a new Municipal Center, Community Center, Fire Station #1, and the Public Safety Center, Fire Station #2
- Equipped police cruisers with automated external defibrillators
- Implemented a multi-camera system to increase the police and fire departments’ ability to monitor incidents.
- Established a prescription drug box to help keep potentially-dangerous substances off the streets
- Initiated a lockbox program
- Launched a shredding program to help protect residents against identity theft
- Earned accreditation status for our Police and Fire Departments
- Introduced curbside recycling and leaf pickup
- Created an automated rubbish pickup system
- Installed playgrounds, tennis courts, Beachwood City Park East, and Beachwood City Park West, newly renamed as Gorden Gateway Park
- Opened the \$5 million Family Aquatic Center
- Increased programming and trips for senior citizens
- Implemented a senior transportation program
- Developed the Summer Concert Series
- Spearheaded and implemented a multi-community bike route
- Started community-wide events, including a Fall Festival
- Introduced youth summer camp programming that consistently sells out
- Redesigned the city’s web site, launched social media pages, and developed a mobile app
- Established Beachwood Insider, a residential e-newsletter
- Brought wi-fi to the Beachwood City Park and Beachwood Family Aquatic Center

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- Harvey Pekar discussions
- Artist Alley
- Family workshops
- Cartooning demonstrations
- International Superman panelists joining virtually
- Access to the exhibition, *Icons in Ink: The Jewish Comics Experience*

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5 SIMPLE TESTS. BIG CLUES TO YOUR FUTURE!

## Can You Pass the 5-Minute Longevity Test?

Five simple tests that reveal how well your body is aging.

As a physical therapist, people often ask me what the secret is to staying healthy as we age.

Is it walking every day? Going to the gym? Eating vegetables? Getting enough sleep? The truth is, all of those things matter. But some of the best indicators of future health are surprisingly simple. In fact, there are several quick tests that can provide valuable clues about your strength, balance, mobility, and independence.

Before you begin, grab a family member and turn it into a friendly competition.

You might be surprised when Grandma outperforms the teenagers!

Let's see how you score.

### Test #1: Single-Leg Balance Test

#### How to Perform It:

Stand next to a countertop or sturdy surface for safety. Lift one foot off the floor and see how long you can balance without touching down.

#### Why It Matters:

Balance isn't just about avoiding falls. It requires your muscles, joints, vision, inner ear, and brain to work together as a team. Research has shown that balance ability is closely linked to healthy aging and overall physical function.

#### Challenge Goal:

Can you hold for at least 10 seconds on each leg?

### Test #2: 30-Second Chair Stand Test

#### How to Perform It:

Sit in a sturdy chair with your arms crossed over your chest. Stand up completely and sit back down as many times as possible in 30 seconds.

#### Why It Matters:

Leg strength is one of the biggest predictors of independence. Every time you get out of a chair, climb stairs, carry groceries, or get off the floor, you're relying on the muscles in your legs.

Many people don't realize they're losing strength until everyday tasks become difficult. This test can reveal a lot about how well those muscles are functioning.

#### Challenge Goal:

Count your repetitions and compare them to others in your age group.

How Did YOU Score?

Compare your scores  
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### Test #3: The Sit-to-Rise Test

#### How to Perform It:

On a carpet or exercise mat, sit down on the floor and then stand back up. Try to use as little assistance from your hands, knees, or furniture as possible.

#### Why It Matters:

This may be the ultimate "real life" movement test. It combines strength, flexibility, balance, coordination, and mobility all in one activity.

Think about it: if you ever fall, your ability to get up from the floor becomes incredibly important. This test gives you a snapshot of how efficiently your body moves as a whole.

#### Challenge Goal:

Can you sit and stand without using your hands?

### Test #4: The Walking Speed Test

#### How to Perform It:

Measure approximately 13 feet (4 meters). Walk at your normal pace while someone times you.

#### Why It Matters:

Walking speed has become so important in healthcare that many experts refer to it as a "vital sign." Walking requires strength, balance, coordination, endurance, and confidence.

A faster walking speed generally reflects better overall physical function, while slower walking speeds can sometimes signal areas that need attention.

#### Challenge Goal:

Walk naturally and confidently—not like you're racing to catch a flight at the airport!

### Test #5: The Timed Up and Go Test

#### How to Perform It:

Sit in a chair. When someone says "go," stand up, walk 10 feet, turn around, walk back, and sit down. Time yourself.

#### Why It Matters:

This test combines several skills that we use every day: standing, walking, turning, and sitting down safely. It is commonly used by physical therapists to assess mobility and fall risk.

The smoother and quicker you can complete the task, the better your overall functional mobility tends to be.

#### Challenge Goal:

Can you complete the test in under 10 seconds?

### The Good News

**If one or more of these tests was difficult, don't panic.**

These tests aren't meant to judge you—they're meant to inform you.

**The amazing thing about the human body is that it can adapt at almost any age. Balance can improve. Strength can increase. Walking speed can get faster. Mobility can be restored.**

In fact, some of the most inspiring patients I've worked with have made dramatic improvements in their 60s, 70s, and even 80s.

So challenge your spouse, your kids, your neighbors, or your parents. Compare scores. Have some fun.

Because the goal isn't simply to live longer—it's to stay active, independent, and able to do the things you love for as many years as possible.

*Kelly Beaudoin, CEO*

*Balance Solutions Physical Therapy  
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NORMATIVE TIMES (SECONDS)	
AGE	AVERAGE TIME
18-39	43
40-49	40
50-59	37
60-69	30
70-79	18
80+	5-10

**Goal: 10 seconds or more on each leg**



AVERAGE REPS IN 30 SECONDS			
AGE	MEN	WOMEN	
60-64	14-19	12-17	
65-69	12-18	11-16	
70-74	12-17	10-15	
75-79	11-17	10-15	
80-84	10-15	9-14	
85+	8-13	8-12	

**Goal: More reps = stronger legs!**



SCORING GUIDE	
SCORE	DESCRIPTION
10	Stands up easily without using hands
8	Uses one hand for support
6	Uses one hand and one knee
4	Uses multiple points of support
0-2	Unable or needs significant help

**Goal: Higher score = better function**



AVERAGE WALKING SPEED (SECONDS FOR 13 FEET / 4 METERS)	
AGE	AVERAGE TIME
60-69	5.4 sec (1.25 m/s)
70-79	6.0 sec (1.11 m/s)
80-89	7.0 sec (0.86 m/s)
90+	8.6 sec (0.70 m/s)

**Goal: Faster time = better function**



AVERAGE TIME (SECONDS)	
AGE	AVERAGE TIME
60-69	8.0 sec
70-79	9.0 sec
80-89	11.0 sec
90+	13.0 sec

WHAT YOUR TIME MEANS	
Under 10 sec	Normal mobility
10-12 sec	Good mobility
13.5 sec or more	Increased risk of falls

**Goal: Under 10 seconds is ideal**

These norms are general guidelines for community-dwelling adults. Individual results may vary. Always consult with your healthcare provider if you have concerns.

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## Summer Is a Season of Planning – So Why Not Plan for Your Family's Future?

Summer is a season filled with vacations, graduations, camps, and family gatherings. While many people view it as a time to relax, it is also a time of planning. Parents spend months coordinating schedules, booking trips, and organizing activities to ensure everything runs smoothly.

Yet while we carefully plan for the months ahead, many of us postpone planning for our family's long-term future. Estate planning often remains on the to-do list as work, family obligations, and daily life take priority. Summer serves as a valuable reminder that one of the greatest gifts we can give our loved ones is a well-thought-out plan that protects them for years to come.

### Watching Children Grow

One of the joys of summer is seeing how much children have grown over the past year. As they move from one grade to the next, gain independence, and reach new milestones, parents are reminded just how quickly life changes. As children grow, their parents' estate planning needs often change as well.

A family with young children may be focused on naming guardians and providing financial security, while parents of older children may be more concerned with college planning, inheritance issues, and preserving family wealth. Unfortunately, many families create an estate plan and never revisit it. Over time, circumstances change, relationships evolve, and goals shift. Just as children grow and mature, estate plans should be reviewed and updated to ensure they continue to reflect a family's wishes and priorities.

### Summer Gatherings Often Spark Important Conversations

Summer is also a time when families come together. Whether it's a backyard barbecue, family reunion, graduation party, or holiday celebration, relatives often spend more time together during the summer months than any other time of year.

These gatherings can be a reminder of what truly matters. We see aging parents, growing grandchildren, and family members who may live across the country. We are reminded that family relationships are among our most valuable assets.

Many people leave these gatherings realizing they need to update their estate plan. Perhaps a new grandchild has been born. Maybe a child recently got married. A parent may need assistance managing finances. A family business may have grown substantially. Life changes quickly, and estate plans should reflect those changes. The best estate plans are not created once and forgotten. They are reviewed periodically to ensure they continue to accomplish the family's goals.

### **The Difference Between Having a Will and Having a Plan**

Many people believe they have completed their estate planning because they signed a will years ago. While a will is an important document, a will by itself is often only one piece of a larger plan and a will by itself does NOT avoid probate court. A comprehensive estate plan considers much more than who receives assets. It addresses how assets will be managed, who will make financial decisions if needed, how healthcare decisions will be handled, and how loved ones can be protected from unnecessary complications. This is where trusts often become incredibly valuable.

### **Why Trusts Continue to Grow in Popularity**

Over the last several years, more families have discovered the advantages of trust-based planning. One reason is flexibility. A trust allows you to create instructions that fit your family's unique circumstances. Rather than

simply transferring assets outright, a trust allows you to determine how those assets should be managed and distributed.

For example, many parents worry about leaving significant assets directly to young adults. While an eighteen-year-old may legally be an adult, most parents would hesitate to hand over a large inheritance without any guidance or structure. A trust allows parents to establish reasonable safeguards while still providing financial support and opportunities for their children.

Trusts can also help families maintain privacy, simplify administration, and create a smoother transition of assets from one generation to the next. Most importantly, a trust provides control. You spent years building your savings, purchasing your home, investing for retirement, and creating financial security. A trust helps ensure that the assets you worked hard to accumulate are managed according to your wishes.

### **Protecting More Than Money**

One common misconception about estate planning is that it is only for wealthy individuals. In reality, estate planning is often less about money and more about people. It is about protecting spouses, children, grandchildren, and loved ones. It is about reducing confusion and creating clarity. It is about ensuring that your values, goals, and intentions are clearly communicated.

Some of the most meaningful estate planning discussions have very little to do with asset values. Instead, they focus on family dynamics, personal priorities, and the legacy someone hopes to leave behind. A trust can help accomplish those goals by creating structure and guidance for future generations.

### **A Mid-Year Checkup for Your Family**

Many people use summer as a time to tackle projects that have been delayed throughout the year. They clean the garage, organize financial records, complete home improvements, and cross important items off their to-do lists. Your estate plan deserves a place on that list. Ask yourself a few simple questions:

- Have I reviewed my estate plan within the last three to five years?
- Have there been significant family changes since my documents were created?
- Are the individuals I named still the right people to serve in important roles?
- Would a trust better accomplish my family's goals?
- Have I had a major change to my finances?

The good news is that estate planning does not have to be overwhelming. Small updates today can prevent significant problems tomorrow. As summer reminds us to enjoy time with family and appreciate the people who matter most, it also provides an opportunity to think about the future. Estate planning is not about focusing on worst-case scenarios. It is about creating a roadmap for the people you love.

After all, the best plans are made before they are needed – and summer has always been the season for planning ahead. For more information or to schedule a free initial consultation, contact us at 216-573-3723 or [dan@baronlawcleveland.com](mailto:dan@baronlawcleveland.com).

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# 2026 Hometown Heroes

The Beachwood Historical Society and City of Beachwood proudly recognize and honor the 2026 Hometown Heroes, individuals who live or work in Beachwood and make a meaningful difference in the community.

The May 18 ceremony was held at the Heroes Garden at Gorden Gateway Park (formerly Beachwood City Park West). Mayor Justin Berns welcomed guests and praised the honorees who embody Beachwood's strength and character through their everyday choices to care, lead, and serve.

Rosemary Nemeth, president of the Beachwood Historical Society, then joined City Council member Danielle Shoykhet in reflecting on the qualities of a hometown hero: someone who is admired, devoted, compassionate, courageous, dedicated to

helping others, and committed to doing ordinary things in extraordinary ways.

The 2026 Hometown Heroes were then introduced, followed by a reception celebrating those whose contributions help make Beachwood shine brighter every day.

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Congratulations to the 2026 Hometown Heroes, pictured from left:

Dr. Carl Allamby, Karen Carter, Mary Deitrick, Matt Fieldman, Mike Holtzman, Scott Morrison, Lt. Kevin Owens, and Tina Turick.

Photo by Scott Morrison, Discovery Photo.

## Obediah J. Cooper and Timothy Holsted (recognized posthumously)

Obediah J. Cooper, born March 13, 1759, served as a sergeant in the Revolutionary War with the New York Regiment. He later became part of one of Beachwood's founding families and died on Aug. 20, 1851.

Timothy Holsted, born in 1765, served in Hodge's Company of the 5th Connecticut Regiment and was a soldier of 1776. Like Cooper, Holsted eventually settled in the area now known as Beachwood. He died on April 5, 1839.

Both Revolutionary War veterans are buried in Beachwood Cemetery, off Green Road. Thanks to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, new gravestones have been provided to properly honor their service and legacy.

As America approaches the 250th anniversary of its



independence, residents are encouraged to visit Beachwood Cemetery and remember these two patriots – men who fought for freedom, helped shape a new nation, and later made their way west to build new lives in what would become Beachwood, Ohio. Their stories offer a meaningful connection to our community's earliest history and to the sacrifices that helped define our country.

To learn more, visit [www.tinyurl.com/RevWarVets](http://www.tinyurl.com/RevWarVets).

## Mike Holtzman

Firefighter/paramedic Mike Holtzman was named Beachwood's 2025 Firefighter of the Year.

Although Mike is Chief Holtzman's nephew, the chief does not participate in the voting process. The Beachwood Fire Department's Officer Corps votes to select the annual honoree.

Following that esteemed honor, he was named a Hometown Hero.

Mike began his firefighting career immediately after high school, joining the Elyria Township Fire Department in 2001. In 2006, he accepted a full-time position with the Sheffield Village Fire Department before bringing his experience and leadership to Beachwood in 2010.

During his 15 years with the Beachwood Fire Department, Mike has taken on several important roles, including assignments with the Regional SWAT Team



and Regional Technical Rescue Team. He also serves on the department's Training Committee, helping maintain high standards of preparedness and safety.

Mike holds certifications as a firefighter, paramedic, instructor, live fire instructor and fire safety inspector. On his days off, he continues to give back as a safety instructor at Lorain County Joint Vocational School, where he helps prepare high school students for careers in firefighting.

Mike was recognized alongside his wife of 17 years, Anne, and their sons, Aaron and Brandon.

## Lt. Kevin Owens

Lt. Kevin Owens is a true Beachwood Hometown Hero whose life reflects decades of steady, selfless service.

As grand commander of the International Order of Alhambra, Inc. within the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, Lt. Owens leads efforts supporting children and adults with special needs and disabilities. Guided by his belief that “serving others is one of the most important ways to serve God,” he helps strengthen organizations including Camp Cheerful, Julie Billiard School, the Rose-Mary Center and New Avenues, while championing inclusive programs such as Miracle League baseball.

Lt. Owens service also extends through a distinguished law enforcement career. He joined the Beachwood Police Department in 1995 and has risen to lieutenant, now serving under Police Chief Daniel Grispino in an administrative leadership role. He supervises part of the patrol division, manages the department’s AED program



and serves as Business Liaison Officer, connecting police with Beachwood businesses and organizations.

His lasting contributions include helping develop Beachwood’s Automated Defibrillator Program, creating an early children’s online safety initiative and serving on the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

A devoted husband and father of three daughters, Lt. Owens also spent years caring for his mother and elderly cousin. Through his professionalism, compassion, faith, and quiet dedication, Lt. Owens has strengthened countless lives and truly embodies the meaning of a Hometown Hero.

## Tina Turick

Tina has dedicated 38 years of service to the City of Beachwood, building a career defined by commitment, collaboration, and public service. Since joining the city in 1988, she has grown through the organization while raising her family and continuing her education, earning a reputation as a knowledgeable, dependable, and trusted leader.

As city administrator, Tina works closely with the mayor, department directors, and City Council to support daily operations and advance Beachwood’s long-term vision. She also engages with residents and community partners to help ensure thoughtful decisions and responsive city services. In addition, she serves on the board of directors for the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce.

Throughout her career, Tina has contributed to major municipal projects, facility improvements, communication initiatives, and administrative policy development. Her collaborative leadership style emphasizes transparency,



teamwork, and community input, helping create a stronger, more connected Beachwood.

Tina earned an associate degree from Lakeland Community College, receiving the Dean’s Award and recognition on the All-Ohio Academic Team. She later graduated summa cum laude from Ursuline College with a bachelor’s degree in business management. In 2025, she received the Bright Star Award for her work with the Beachwood Chamber.

Married for more than 34 years, Tina is the proud mother of two daughters, both nurses. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, hosting gatherings, and bringing people together.

The 2026 Hometown Heroes help make Beachwood shine brighter every day through their everyday choices to care, lead, and serve.

## Dr. Carl Allamby

Dr. Allamby is an emergency medicine physician, Cleveland Clinic associate staff member, MetroHealth Life Flight physician, and medical director for the Beachwood and South Euclid Fire and EMS departments. He also teaches physicians and medical personnel as an Advanced Trauma Life Support instructor.

His path to medicine is extraordinary. After 25 years as a business owner and ASE-certified master automotive

technician, Dr. Allamby left a successful career to pursue his childhood dream of becoming a doctor. His inspiring journey has been featured nationally on CBS *Evening News*, NPR’s *Morning Edition* and *The Kelly Clarkson Show*, along with numerous print and online outlets. Medscape named him one of its Best Physicians of 2019.

A graduate of Northeast Ohio Medical University, Dr. Allamby has served on its board of trustees, admissions

committee and presidential search committee. He has also mentored health science students and advocated for diversity in medicine. His academic achievements include degrees from Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland State University, and Ursuline College, where he graduated summa cum laude.

Nationally recognized as a 2024 Outstanding Alumni Award recipient by the American Association of Community



Colleges, Dr. Allamby continues to inspire others through medicine, mentorship, and his belief that education, perseverance, and hard work can transform lives.

## Scott Morrison

Scott is the very definition of a Beachwood Hometown Hero. Professional, compassionate, and dependable, he is someone people can always count on — the first to offer a helping hand and the last to leave when the work is done.

As owner of Discovery Photo, Scott is a gifted portrait, architectural, and fine art photographer who devotes countless hours to capturing the spirit of Beachwood. Through his lens, he generously supports the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce, City of Beachwood, Beachwood Schools, *Beachwood Buzz*, and many local businesses, organizations and events. His work is consistently exceptional, and his calm, positive presence makes him a pleasure to work with.

A 23-year member of the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce, Scott recently became its president, continuing to lead with integrity, humility



and heart. His generosity, commitment and unwavering support of the community make this recognition especially fitting.

Scott is also active in the film world, with more than 60 IMDb credits in cinematography, gaffing and behind-the-scenes photography. He has worked on horror films, competed in 48-hour film competitions, and photographed regional Emmy events.

Outside of work, Scott enjoys playing guitar, driving his 1964 Dodge convertible, visiting National Parks, making craft beer, gardening, and spending time with his wife, Liz, and their children.

## Matt Fieldman

Matt exemplifies the spirit of a Beachwood Hometown Hero through his dedication to creating opportunity, building bridges and improving lives.

Recognizing the importance of dialogue between the Black and Jewish communities, Matt co-founded Rekindle in 2021 to foster meaningful connection, understanding, and collaboration. Under his leadership, the organization works to “rekindle” the historic Black-Jewish alliance and has expanded to more than 20 cities nationwide.

Matt also served as the founding board president of Edwins Leadership Institute from 2010 to 2016 and continues to serve on its board. Edwins provides culinary training and career pathways for formerly incarcerated individuals, helping participants gain skills, secure employment, and build brighter futures.

In 2016, Matt founded Cleveland Codes, the nation’s first nonprofit software bootcamp



dedicated to preparing underserved adults for careers in technology. To date, more than 200 graduates have entered the workforce, strengthening Cleveland’s technology sector and transforming their own lives in the process.

Through his vision, compassion, and social entrepreneurship, Matt has created lasting impact in Cleveland and far beyond. His work reflects a deep belief in human potential and the power of community to open doors, foster understanding and inspire change. He is truly deserving of recognition as a Beachwood Hometown Hero.

## Mary Deitrick

Mary Deitrick, a physical education teacher at Hilltop Elementary School, was named a 2025 Crystal Apple Award recipient for her exceptional commitment to Beachwood students. Nominated by her colleagues, Mary was recognized during the district’s annual staff Convocation, where Hilltop Principal Amy Pinney praised her as an educator who makes students feel welcome from the moment they enter her classroom.

Now, because of that same excellence, dedication, and heart for students, Mary has been named a 2026 Hometown Hero.

Mary builds strong, meaningful relationships with her students and encourages children to recognize their own potential and believe in what they can



achieve. Her impact reaches far beyond physical education. Through movement, teamwork, encouragement, and everyday kindness, she helps students develop confidence, resilience, and a stronger sense of self.

Beyond teaching skills and healthy habits, Mary helps shape character by teaching students to be kind, compassionate human beings. She nurtures their love of learning and equips them with valuable life skills that will carry them far beyond the classroom.

## Karen Carter

As a bus driver for Beachwood City Schools, Karen Carter plays an important role in the daily lives of students and families. Her steady presence, patience, and care earned her recognition as a 2025 Crystal Apple Award recipient. She was celebrated at the district’s annual staff Convocation on Aug. 12 after being nominated by colleagues who see, day after day, the positive difference she makes.

Now, because of her excellence, kindness, and commitment to Beachwood students and families, Karen has been named a 2026 Hometown Hero.

Transportation coordinators Heather Farkas and Susan Augusta highlighted Karen’s patience as one of the qualities that makes her such a valued role model within the department.



They praised her special ability to work with students, noting that she takes extra time to engage with them, get to know them, and explain bus safety in a calm, caring, and meaningful way.

Her thoughtful and heartfelt communication with parents is also deeply appreciated, reflecting the care and dedication she brings to her role each day. For many students, Karen is one of the first welcoming faces they see in the morning and one of the last before they return home.

# Beachwood Arts Council

Congratulations to Owen Hill, a Lakewood High School graduate and this year's recipient of the Beachwood Arts Council Si and Shirley Wachsberger Arts Scholarship Award for Performing Arts.

Owen received the \$1,000 scholarship and will attend Baldwin Wallace University in the fall as a Musical Theatre major.

The award is named in memory of Si and Shirley Wachsberger, founding members of the Beachwood Arts Council.



Owen Hill, center, with the Wachsberger family, from left: Norm Pollack, Sue Pollack, Bob Wachsberger, Don Wachsberger, and Judi Wachsberger.



## Become a BAC Member

Beachwood Arts Council invites you to become a member and support 60 years of arts programming in Northeast Ohio, including exhibits, tours, concerts, student art shows, special events, and hands-on art experiences.

BAC also gives back to the community through the Si and Shirley Wachsberger Arts Scholarship Award, presented each year to a regional high school senior pursuing an artistic dream in college.

Please join us in supporting the arts in Beachwood and neighboring communities. Members are welcome anytime during the year; however, BAC's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.

Membership is open to all residents of Northeast Ohio. Your support helps keep the arts vibrant, accessible, and meaningful in our community. Sponsorships and donations are also valued.


For complete details, visit [beachwoodartscouncil.org](http://beachwoodartscouncil.org).

For upcoming programs, photos of past events, and more information, visit [beachwoodartscouncil.org](http://beachwoodartscouncil.org) or the Beachwood Arts Council Facebook page. Questions? Call 216.595.3400. BAC is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your meaningful support is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

## Open Board Positions

Beachwood Arts Council has openings on its Board of Trustees for community members who are passionate about the arts. For more information, contact Paula Rollins, president, at [phonepr@aol.com](mailto:phonepr@aol.com) or 216.789.3995.

## BEACHWOOD



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## Beachwood Historical Society Invitations

**Yoga in Gorden Gateway Park**  
Saturdays, July 11, 18 and 25  
10-11 a.m.

Join Julie Konrad in the pavilion for these free programs, which will be held rain or shine. Please bring a mat and/or chair.

**Tai Chi in Gorden Gateway Park**  
Sundays, July 12, 19, and 26  
10-11 a.m.

Join Jen Stepien in the pavilion for these free programs, which will be held rain or shine.

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# Protecting Jewish Cleveland: Building a Culture of Safety and Resilience

For more than a decade, JFC Security, LLC, the Jewish Federation of Cleveland's security provider, has helped ensure that Jewish Cleveland remains a place where individuals and families can gather, learn, worship, and celebrate with confidence. As security challenges facing Jewish communities continue to grow both locally and around the world, JFC Security has built one of the nation's most comprehensive and respected community security programs, serving as a model for Jewish communities across North America.

Since its launch in 2013, JFC Security has evolved into a robust operation that combines highly trained personnel, cutting-edge technology, community partnerships, and proactive training programs. Today, its mission extends far beyond responding to threats – it focuses on building a culture of preparedness and resilience across the entire community.

One of JFC Security's most significant achievements has been the expansion of free security training opportunities for community members. Programs such as Active Threat Response, Run/Hide/Fight, Situational Awareness, Self-Defense, Usher and Greeter Protocols, and Bomb Threat Management provide practical skills that help participants recognize potential risks and respond effectively during emergencies.

More importantly, these trainings empower individuals to play an active role in community safety. By increasing awareness and preparedness, JFC Security helps prevent incidents before they escalate and fosters a shared sense of responsibility throughout Jewish Cleveland.

JFC Security has also expanded efforts to strengthen synagogue safety through community engagement. In partnership with the Secure Community Network (SCN), JFC Security launched a pilot program that trains volunteer security teams at local congregations. Volunteers receive hands-on instruction in physical security, situational

awareness, emergency preparedness, Stop the Bleed techniques, and reporting procedures. By working alongside professional security personnel and law enforcement, these volunteers help create safer, more secure environments while reinforcing the importance of collective responsibility.

The Federation works closely with the Beachwood Police Department as part of a longstanding partnership focused on protecting the city's Jewish institutions, events, and community members. Several former Beachwood police officers who served with distinction are now working for JFC Security and using their knowledge and experience to mentor officers new to the city. Through ongoing communication, coordinated planning, increased patrols during high-profile periods, and joint emergency preparedness efforts, this collaboration helps strengthen the safety and resilience of Jewish Cleveland.

By combining expertise, innovation, and community partnership, JFC Security is doing more than protecting institutions – it is helping ensure that Jewish life in Cleveland remains vibrant, resilient, and secure. To learn more, visit <https://www.jewishcleveland.org>.

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Stop the Bleed training, offered through JFC Security, gives community members hands-on emergency response skills to help them act quickly and confidently in a crisis.



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JFC Security's comprehensive program includes year-round coverage, mobile patrols, more than 50 officers, and support for synagogues, agencies, schools, and early childhood centers.

# CWRU Siegal Lifelong Learning Programs

Case Western Reserve University's Siegal Lifelong Learning offers remote and in-person courses and lectures, many of which are held right here in Beachwood. For more information or to register, visit [www.case.edu/lifelonglearning](http://www.case.edu/lifelonglearning) or call 216.368.2091.

## Great Institutions of Cleveland: Debate, Discussion & Free Speech

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Wednesday July 15 • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

In-person and remote

Join us for an engaging panel discussion featuring leaders from Cleveland's treasured Debate, Discussion & Free Speech organizations. Moderated by John Grabowski, this session will explore the founding purpose of these organizations, their impact on the community, and how their missions and programming have evolved to meet the interests of today's audiences. Discussions will also examine how funding strategies have shifted in response to political and economic changes, and what challenges and opportunities lie ahead. This is a unique chance to hear directly from those shaping the future of Cleveland's cultural landscape. This panel will feature:

Dan Moulthrop, Chief Executive Officer, The City Club of Cleveland  
Kevin Martin, President and CEO, Ideastream Public Media  
Marti Flacks, Chief Executive Officer, Cleveland Council on World Affairs

## Robots That Care: How Technology Can Strengthen Human Connection

Landmark Centre Building, 25700 Science Park Drive, Beachwood

Monday July 27 • 10-11:30 a.m.

Alexis E. Block, Ph.D., Department of Electrical, Computer, and Systems Engineering, Case School of Engineering, CWRU

Robots are moving beyond factories and into the human spaces of our lives: hospitals, homes, classrooms, and even moments of emotional need. In this talk, Dr. Alexis Block shares how her lab designs technologies that sense feelings, understand social touch, and physically interact in safe, supportive ways. From comforting robotic hugs to wearable devices that help others know when we want connection, this research asks a big question: How can machines strengthen human relationships rather than replace them? Through stories, videos, and research, you will explore a future where technology helps us care for one another with understanding and empathy.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS



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# Every Step Holds a Story

## Reflections from Race for the Place

By Jennifer Stern

**A**s I prepare to leave for Race for the Place, an annual walk/run sponsored by The Gathering Place, I reflect on the past 25 years since I first became a part of this special community. In the beginning, I walked for my Mom who died of a glioblastoma when I was in my early 20s.

She was strong, funny, and completely authentic. She laughed with abandon and loved with fierce loyalty. She is a part of me, yet on the first Sunday in June, National Cancer Survivors Day, I feel her presence with a deeper intention.

I walk in support of, and alongside, my friend Hayley who is a cancer survivor. Diagnosed at age 30 with ovarian cancer, she now shares her experience through The Cancer Liberation Project, a meaningful podcast that explores research, offers tips and tools for healing, and features conversations with survivors whose stories offer hope.

I walk in memory of my friend Kim, whose three children honor her greatest values through the purposeful and beautiful lives they are living. In the way they love and support one another, I see the same steadfast devotion to family that Kim modeled every day of her too-short life.

Every year, new names and faces become imprinted on my heart – dear friends, acquaintances, colleagues, clients, and the friends, families, and loved ones they carry with them.

I walk among hundreds who are each there for their own reason, each walking with

resilience, courage, hope, and remembrance. On this day, we all hold space for each other's stories. We walk together,

It is a powerful day. It is an emotional day. It is a beautiful day of community. What joins us on this day is far greater than any differences we may have.

Life is precious, exciting, full of possibility. Life is painful, unpredictable, scary. Life is sacred.

I wish that I could bottle the sense of community felt on this day and sprinkle it throughout our world as a reminder to walk gently, lead with compassion, and know deeply that we never

truly walk alone.

The Gathering Place is a free wellness center for anyone whose life has been touched by cancer. It offers education, support, connection, and comfort – and all free of charge. To learn more, call 216.595.9546 or visit [www.touchedbycancer.org](http://www.touchedbycancer.org).

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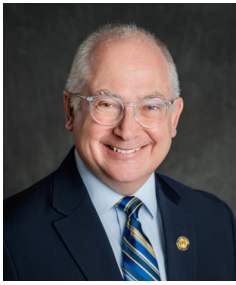
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# Ohio Data Center Giveaway

By State Senator Kent Smit

With an annual State of Ohio budget around 45 billion dollars, there are very few state government expenditures each year that exceed a billion dollars. Some include Medicaid, K-12 public schools, state colleges and higher education, and prisons and corrections. But as of 2025, Ohio has a new billion-dollar expenditure - the biggest technology corporations in the world, including Amazon, Google, and Meta.

It was recently uncovered that Amazon, Google, and Meta all signed agreements to build data centers in Ohio with the administration of former governor John Kasich. Those agreements, signed between 2014 and 2018, granted them 100% sales tax exemptions for up to 40 years. Today, those three billion-dollar corporations control 76% of Ohio's data center market.

Those revelations followed some jaw-dropping reporting that revealed how much the data center tax break was costing Ohio in 2024 and 2025.

It was believed that the data center sales-and-use-tax giveaway was costing the state

about \$130 million a year, but the Ohio Tax Credit Authority did not have to provide the total amount because of the small number of corporations that received the tax cut. When the Statehouse press corps revealed that the tax cuts cost Ohio \$554 million in 2024 and \$1.5 billion in 2025, shockwaves rippled across the Capitol.

Still, we can't just pin this on former governor Kasich. While John Kasich gave away millions of Ohio taxpayer dollars, it turned into billions under Gov. Mike DeWine - even after the Ohio General Assembly tried to end it. In June 2025, the Ohio Legislature sent Gov. DeWine a

budget that eliminated the data-center tax break, but he restored it with a line-item veto.

At that time, Gov. DeWine should have known that the data-center tax giveaway had cost Ohioans \$554 million in 2024 because most members of the Ohio Tax Credit Authority - which approves these tax giveaways - reported to him. Instead, he let the tax break continue, costing Ohioans another \$1.5 billion in 2025.

The Legislature could correct the problem if it wanted to, which is what makes this so puzzling. The same Statehouse Republicans who wanted to get rid of the data-center tax break

in the budget a year ago could overturn DeWine's veto at any time. Yet now, the Legislature doesn't want to take any action to fix the problem that Kasich started and DeWine continued. So there is probably more to come on this topic, because I don't think the Legislature wants to be spending more than a billion dollars a year on Amazon, Google, and Meta.

*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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# Decades in the Water, A Legacy on Deck

Beachwood swimming Coach Brad Burget continues to build champions in and out of the pool

For more than four decades, Brad Burget has stood at the edge of the pool – watching, coaching, encouraging, and believing. At Beachwood High School, where he has led the Bison swim program for 16 years, his impact can be measured in conference titles, school records, state qualifiers, and podium finishes.

And those who know him best will tell you that numbers only tell part of the story.

Under Brad's leadership, Beachwood has secured eight conference championships, while his swimmers have broken 23 of the school's 26 records. There are only three school records his swimmers have not yet broken. He has also guided more than 50 Bison student-athletes to the Division II State Swimming & Diving Championships, with his teams earning numerous top-15 state finishes, including back-to-back fourth-place finishes in 2025 and 2026.

His success has earned regional and statewide recognition, including Chagrin Valley Conference Valley Division Boys Swimming Coach of the Year, *News-Herald* Boys Swimming Coach of the Year, and 2026 Division II Ohio Coach of the Year. Yet in Beachwood, those honors simply confirm what swimmers, parents, alumni, and colleagues have known for years: Brad is a coach who makes a difference for life.

"Sixteen years ago, Brad joined the Bison family with a vision: to transform Beachwood Swimming into one of the premier programs in Ohio," said Ryan Peters, district director of athletics. "Through tireless dedication and a coaching style that is as jovial as it is driven, he has turned that vision into a reality.

"Beyond the trophies and titles, Brad's true legacy is the lifelong impact he has made on the lives of countless swimmers and their families," Ryan added. "He is one of those rare coaches who makes a difference for life, instilling values that stay with his athletes long after they leave the pool. Hiring Brad remains one of the best decisions this athletic department has ever made."

## A Community Speaks

The statistics tell one story. The people around Brad tell another.

From parents to current swimmers to athletes who graduated years ago, the sentiment is remarkably consistent: Brad is a coach who sees potential, builds confidence, and changes lives.

"He moves tirelessly along the deck, never losing sight of his team," said Esther Lee. "His role as a motivator never ends, spanning from the poolside to their lives beyond the water."

"Congratulations to Coach Burget! He's built an incredible culture of hard work and winning on the team," said Jamie Elwell, parent. "Not only do the kids see results in the water, they also become strong leaders."

Vania DePaoli, another swim parent, said Coach Burget's commitment to the whole athlete is what sets him apart.

"He is dedicated to helping swimmers become faster and stronger, while supporting their overall well-being," Vania said. "He creates practices that build discipline, confidence, and teamwork, while always looking out for the swimmers' mental, physical, and emotional health."

Swim parent Cam Warner perhaps captured it best.

"Coach Burget inspires every swimmer and diver he coaches to be the best versions of themselves as athletes and as human beings."

Former swimmers echo that same appreciation.

"Coach Burget has a unique ability to connect with swimmers and show them their potential," said Spencer Bystrom. "When this is applied to an entire team, the result is extraordinary."

Gabe Colmenares said Brad was his favorite coach and one of the reasons he fell in love with swimming.

"Brad was my favorite coach I've ever had, and he's a large part of why I fell in love with the sport of swimming," Gabe said. "He did an exceptional job of understanding his athletes and what they needed, even while managing such a large group at many different ages.

"I always felt visible and never had to seek out his feedback," Gabe added. "I loved that he would let everyone develop their own relationship with the sport and work from there. Brad's presence on deck is also incredible. Even now, his whistle feels etched in my brain, and I know I'd recognize it in a heartbeat today. Brad is such a highlight from swimming at Beachwood, and it's a part of my swimming experience that I really cherish."

Bagatur Askaryan, one of the first swimmers to qualify for the Division II State



Coach Brad Burget, honored for his lasting impact on Beachwood swimming.

meet under Coach Burget, said his belief in his athletes stays with them long after their final race.

"He pushed me farther than I thought I could go by convincing me to believe in myself," Bagatur said. "That belief is something I carry with me many years after hanging up my goggles and is something I am eternally grateful for."

Current swimmers see the same qualities today.

"Coach Burget was always extremely supportive as a mentor and as a coach," said Colin Elwell. "His strength was definitely explaining to us why we do certain sets or workouts so we know exactly what we're improving on with each practice."

## More Than a Coach

Coach Burget has spent decades shaping swimmers. He has built programs, developed champions, and elevated Beachwood's reputation across Ohio and beyond. His athletes have won races, broken records, and reached the state's biggest stages.

His greatest legacy may be found in something less easily measured: the confidence he instills, the discipline he teaches, the belief he passes on, and the community he has created.

Although Coach Burget's awards and accolades are well deserved, they are not the full story. The full story is about all of the swimmers who carry his lessons long after their final race – and the families who know their children were shaped by a coach who cared deeply, pushed wisely, and believed completely.

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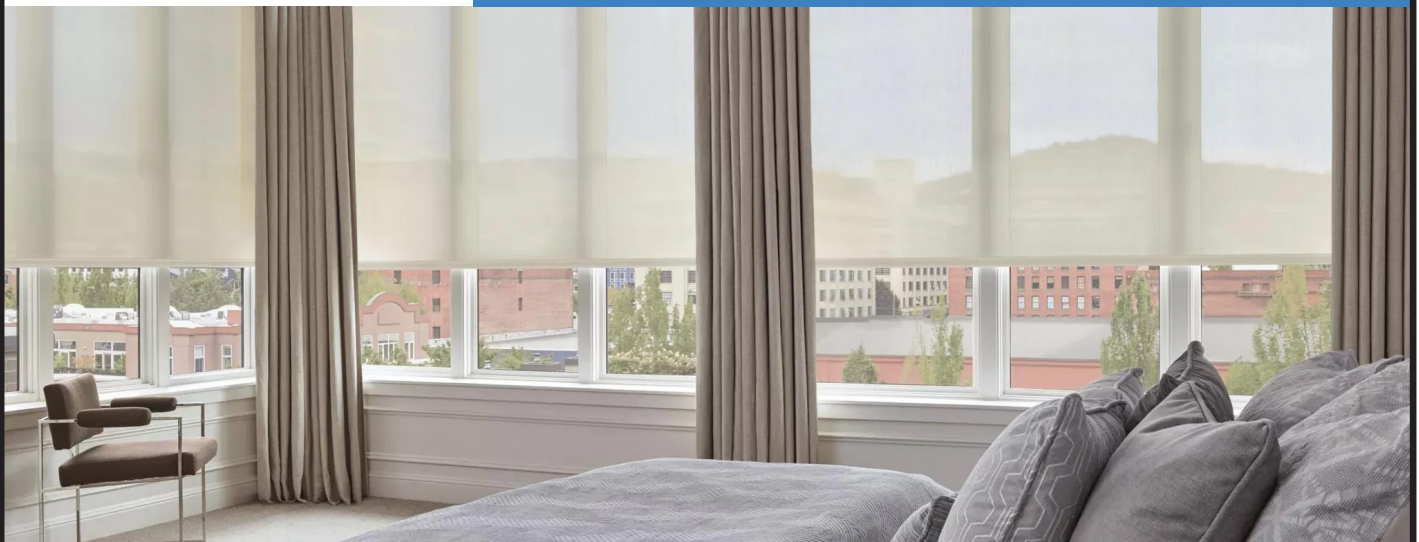
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## The Mayor's Message A Firm Financial Foundation

Dear Beachwood Residents & Businesses,

As families and businesses continue to navigate economic uncertainty, inflation, and rising costs for everyday necessities, I am proud to say that Beachwood remains on strong financial footing. Through careful planning, responsible budgeting, and long-term financial stewardship, our city is well-positioned to continue providing the high-quality services residents expect while investing in our future.

Last month, City Council approved the City's Alternative Tax Budget for 2027. This action reflects an important milestone in a partnership that has benefited our entire community.

### What is Millage?

Millage is simply the way property taxes are calculated.

- 1 mill = \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable property value

#### Example:

- Taxable Home Value: \$100,000
- 1 mill = \$100/year
- 4 mills = \$400/year

Beginning next year, the city will once again collect its longstanding 4.0-mill property tax revenue. For the past three years, however, the city voluntarily reduced its collection to 1.6 mills as part of an agreement with the Beachwood City School District that helped support a major investment in our

schools. This update is **not a tax increase**. Rather, it marks a return to the same 4.0-mill collection level that has been in place since 1994.

Because of Beachwood's strong financial position and decades of responsible fiscal management, the city was able to partner with the School District to help make two new elementary schools a reality without increasing taxes on residents or businesses. Those schools will serve generations of students, strengthen our community, and help protect and enhance property values throughout Beachwood.

As we return to our traditional funding structure, these

revenues will help offset inflationary pressures affecting local governments nationwide. Like households and businesses, municipalities face rising costs for labor, materials, equipment, utilities, and infrastructure projects. Restoring the city's millage to its historic level allows us to continue meeting service expectations, maintaining public safety, investing in roads and infrastructure, and planning for future community needs—without increasing taxes beyond what Beachwood taxpayers have paid for more than three decades.

This moment also provides an opportunity to recognize the outstanding work of our Finance Department, led by Finance Director Larry Heiser. Through thoughtful planning, conservative budgeting practices, and a commitment to long-term sustainability, Mr. Heiser and his team have helped ensure that Beachwood remains financially strong both today and for years to come.

Beachwood's financial stability is not the result of a single decision, but rather a consistent commitment to responsible governance. That commitment allows us to invest in our community, support our schools, maintain exceptional city services, and prepare for the future with confidence.

Thank you for your continued trust and support as we work together to keep Beachwood a financially secure community for years to come.

Sincerely,

**Mayor Justin Berns**  
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## Legislative Update

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.

### May 18 City Council Meeting: Infrastructure Improvements

City Council approved an increase to the annual sanitary sewer maintenance fee to help maintain and improve Beachwood's sewer infrastructure. The fee has remained unchanged since 2013 and will help cover increased costs and support compliance with EPA requirements. The \$1.00 increase applies to property front footage. A homeowner with 50 feet of frontage would see an annual increase of about \$50, billed through the County property tax system.

Council Members approved funding for the city's 2026 Road Program. This year's program will include resurfacing projects approved for East Baintree, Groveland, and Silsby Roads, as well as new aprons and curbs on portions of those roads.

### STAY ENGAGED IN YOUR COMMUNITY:



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

## City Celebrates Dedication of Gorden Gateway Park

More than 100 residents, community leaders, and members of the Gorden family gathered to celebrate the dedication of Gorden Gateway Park, honoring former mayor Merle S. Gorden for his extraordinary legacy of leadership and service to Beachwood.

Formerly known as City Park West, the park was officially renamed in recognition of Mayor Gorden's 23 years of service as Beachwood's longest-serving mayor. During his tenure, Mayor Gorden's leadership sparked significant growth and transformation that helped shape the Beachwood community as residents know it today.

The dedication ceremony celebrated Mayor Gorden's lasting contributions and reflected on the importance of public service and civic leadership. During his remarks, Mayor Justin Berns expressed hope that future generations who visit the park will be inspired by his commitment to the community.

To learn more about Mayor Gorden's legacy and the dedication of Gorden Gateway Park, please see the cover story on page 7.



### UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

**City Council:**  
July 13 at 7:00 p.m.  
Aug. 10 at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Architectural Board of Review:**  
July 6 at 4:30 p.m.  
July 20 at 4:30 p.m.

## How an Idea Becomes a City Council Agenda Item

The decisions made by City Council shape services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life in Beachwood, but those decisions begin with a process that many residents never see. Whether it's a road improvement project, a new piece of public safety equipment, a grant application, or a change to a city ordinance, every item that appears before Beachwood City Council follows a structured review process before elected officials ever cast a vote. Understanding that process is one of the goals of Beachwood Connect, an initiative designed to help residents better understand how local government works and how decisions are made.

### It Starts with a Need

Most Council agenda items begin within a city department. Staff members identify a need, opportunity, or issue that requires official Council action. For example, a department may need authorization to purchase equipment, award a construction contract, accept a grant, launch a project, or amend an existing ordinance. Before moving forward, staff gather information and prepare materials explaining what action is being requested, why it is necessary, and how it will benefit the community.

### Administrative Review

Once the request is prepared, it undergoes an administrative review. During this stage, the Mayor and the appropriate City Council Committee Chair review the proposal to determine whether it is ready for Council consideration, whether additional information is needed, which committee should review it, and whether the timing is appropriate.

This step helps ensure proposals are properly developed before entering the legislative process.

### Turning an Idea into Legislation

After administrative approval, the request is submitted to the Clerk of Council's Office. The Clerk's Office plays a critical role in transforming a department request into official Council business. Staff review supporting materials, prepare the necessary ordinance or resolution, assign legislation numbers, ensure documents are properly formatted, and coordinate the legislative process. At this point, the proposal officially begins its journey through City Council.

### Legal Review

Before the legislation can be placed on an agenda, it is reviewed by the City's Law Department. This review helps ensure that the legislation is properly written, the city has the legal authority to take the proposed action, that contracts and agreements protect the City's interests, and that all applicable legal requirements have been met. Think of this as an important quality-control step designed to prevent issues before the item reaches Council.

### Preparing the Agenda

Once legal review is complete, the Clerk's Office prepares the materials that Council members and the public will use during meetings. This includes committee agendas, Council agendas, meeting packets, and supporting documentation. The Clerk's Office also coordinates agenda publication, packet distribution, and required public notices. This is where all the pieces come together, and the item officially appears on an upcoming meeting agenda.

### Council Reviews the Information

Before any meeting takes place, Council members receive agenda packets containing the proposed legislation and supporting materials. This allows Council members time to review the information, study the proposal, prepare questions, and discuss details with City staff when necessary. The goal is to ensure elected officials arrive at meetings informed and prepared to make thoughtful decisions on behalf of the community.

### Discussion and Public Deliberation

During committee and Council meetings, the proposal is presented and discussed publicly. Council members may ask questions, request additional information, suggest changes, or recommend that the item move forward for consideration. This discussion phase promotes transparency and allows elected officials to fully evaluate the proposal before taking action.

### Council Votes

After discussion, City Council ultimately votes on the item. Depending on the circumstances, Council may approve the proposal, amend it, table it for future consideration, or reject it altogether. A Council vote represents the formal decision-making stage of the process.

### From Approval to Action

Once approved, the item moves from planning to implementation. City staff then carry out the action authorized by Council. Depending on the legislation, that may mean beginning a construction project, executing a contract, purchasing equipment, accepting grant funds, or launching a new program or service for residents.

The city's legislative process may seem complex, but each step serves an important purpose: ensuring that decisions are carefully reviewed, legally sound, financially responsible, and transparent before action is taken.

While Council meetings are where decisions are made, each agenda item represents the culmination of a collaborative process involving city staff, legal review, and elected officials.

# Help Shape the Future of Deer Management in Beachwood



The City of Beachwood encourages residents to participate in the 2026 Annual Deer Management Survey. This year's survey is being administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources as part of a broader effort to gather resident perspectives on deer populations and management strategies at the regional and statewide levels. While the survey will help inform wildlife management across Ohio, it also includes Beachwood-specific questions that will provide valuable local insight to help guide future deer management discussions and decision-making within our community.

The brief survey contains just a few questions and takes approximately **five minutes** to complete. Resident feedback helps city leadership, neighboring communities, and state wildlife officials better understand community perspectives and evaluate future efforts.

During the 2025-2026 deer management season, Beachwood, Shaker Heights, and South Euclid continued their regional partnership to address deer populations. Key outcomes included:

- 80 deer safely harvested
- 27 female deer carrying 45 fetuses were removed, helping reduce future population growth
- 2,850 pounds of venison donated, providing approximately 11,400 meals to local families in need
- Launch of Beachwood's first deer sterilization program, resulting in 21 female deer sterilized

Your input matters. The more residents who participate, the better informed future discussions and decisions will be. Resident responses are due by Aug. 31, and there is a limit of two responses per household. Please scan the QR code or visit [tinyurl.com/ODNR-DeerSurvey](https://tinyurl.com/ODNR-DeerSurvey) to take the survey.



# Sustainability Starts with Recycling Right

One of the simplest ways residents can support sustainability is by recycling correctly.

As part of Beachwood's commitment to environmental stewardship, the city is working toward a goal of having less than 20% non-recyclable material in recycling loads. Beachwood's current contamination rate is 24%, and with a little help from residents, achieving this goal is well within reach.



To support this effort, we've enlisted the help of a recycling expert: Binny — he's bin there and recycled that! Throughout the year, Binny will share recycling tips and reminders to help residents make informed decisions about what belongs in the recycling bin.

You can help Binny and the Public Works Department by taking a few minutes to review the **list of accepted recyclable materials**. Knowing what can — and cannot — be recycled helps ensure that collected materials are processed properly and reduces the number of recyclable loads rejected due to contamination.



Together, we can reduce waste, increase recycling, and make Beachwood an even more sustainable community. Not sure if an item is recyclable? Scan the QR code and check before you toss. When in doubt, throw it out!

## HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION:

In observance of Independence Day, the Public Works Department will be closed on Friday, July 3. Regular collection will **not be impacted**; however, there will be no special pick-ups on July 3.

# Safety Efforts Earn a Big League Honor

The Beachwood Police Department's commitment to community safety recently earned a moment in the spotlight at Progressive Field. As part of the City of Beachwood's recognition as the **2025 Safe Kids/Safe Communities Organization of the Year**, Officer Colton Pekarski and Community Services Program Manager Shannon Diamond were invited to throw out the ceremonial first pitch before the Cleveland Guardians' May 27 game.

The invitation recognized the department's leadership and dedication to a variety of safety initiatives throughout the year, including teen driver safety education, Walk to School Day, Bike to School events, and the Store It Safe program. Their efforts have helped strengthen partnerships among the city, Beachwood Schools, local organizations, and residents while promoting safe practices and community well-being.



Left to right: Officer Kemer, Officer Pekarski, Program Manager Shannon Diamond, and Officer O'Malley

# July Recreation Guide

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The Prince of Wales Hotel, Niagara-on-the-Lake



The Grand Lady in Buffalo, NY

### Day One: Monday, Aug. 24

- Depart Community Center at 7:00 a.m.
- Tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House
- Lunch at Canalside (*expense on your own*)
- Arrival and dinner at the Prince of Wales Hotel

### Day Two: Tuesday, Aug. 25

- Breakfast at hotel
- Shaw Festival backstage tour
- Lunch and exploration in Downtown Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Performances of *Funny Girl* and *Amadeus*

### Day Three: Wednesday, Aug. 26

- Visit the Duty-Free Store
- Lunch Buffet Cruise on the Grand Lady in Buffalo, New York
- Return to Beachwood by 6:30 p.m.

## Upcoming Youth Camps

- **Camp Invention**  
Grades: K-6 ([invent.org/camp](http://invent.org/camp))  
July 6-10, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Beachwood Middle School  
Residents & Non-Res. \$335
- **Minecraft Coding**  
Ages: 8-11 ([classroomantics.com](http://classroomantics.com))  
July 27-31, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Beachwood Middle School  
Residents & Non-Res. \$265
- **Rainbow Unicorn Dance Camp**  
Ages: 3-7  
July 20-24, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Beachwood Community Center  
Residents \$194, Non-Res. \$233
- **Summer Chess Camp**  
Grades: K-8 (*Full or half day option*)  
Aug. 3-7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Beachwood Community Center  
Residents \$308, Non-Res. \$370
- **Mad Science Secret Agent Lab**  
Ages: 6-12  
July 20-24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Beachwood Community Center  
Residents \$375, Non-Res. \$450
- **Skyhawks Beginning Golf**  
Ages: 5-10  
Aug. 3-7, 1-4 p.m.  
Fairmount Early Childhood  
Residents \$170, Non-Res. \$204

## Instructor Spotlight: Marlene Weinstein



Since 2017, Marlene Weinstein has been teaching drawing classes at the Beachwood Community Center, helping students build skills, confidence, and a love for creative expression.

“One of my favorite parts of teaching is watching students surprise

themselves with the artwork they create and seeing their confidence grow over time,” expressed Marlene.

Each six-week session explores a variety of subjects, including still life, landscapes, portraits, and art history-inspired projects. Fall 2026 sessions will focus on charcoal and graphite drawing and collage.


Marlene combines foundational instruction with demonstrations and art history connections, fostering a welcoming creative community in every class. She also maintains an active art practice, currently working on a series illustrating Yiddish words, and is grateful for the continued support of Beachwood Community Services and her class participants.

## Tennis Court Improvements



Beginning July 3, Beachwood’s tennis courts will undergo crack repairs and painting for an estimated 2–3 weeks. To help minimize disruptions, only four courts will be closed at a time, leaving four courts available for play throughout the project.

Please understand the project timeline is weather dependent. Thank you for your patience as we improve the courts for the community!




**More Thrills. More Prizes. More Excitement.**

# THURSDAY, JULY 9

6-8 PM at Beachwood Community Center

**Register:** [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com)



## Beachwood Seniors

- **Ice Cream Social with City Leaders**  
Wednesday, July 22, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Community Center  
Enjoy a sweet summer favorite and connect with city leaders in a welcoming setting. Residents are \$2, non-residents are \$4.
- **Senior Picnic & 50-Year Resident Celebration**  
Monday, Aug. 31, 11:30 a.m., Family Aquatic Center Patio  
Food, music, yard games, and celebration! The patio area is shaded. Open to residents (\$8) and non-residents (\$10).

### Are you a 50-year Beachwood resident?

The City of Beachwood is once again recognizing our latest group of 50-year residents at our Senior Picnic on Aug. 31. Call 216.292.1970 to be recognized at the event.

## July Meet & Eat

### Stakhouse

**Thursday, July 16, Noon, Community Center**  
Residents \$14, Non-Residents \$17, Program Only \$6

Stakhouse has always been rooted in classic rock, blues and jam band energy, delivering soulful grooves and electrifying guitar-driven performances. They may be young, but they bring a powerful, high-impact sound that proves great rock has no age limit.

Meal choice includes chicken marsala with pasta or mushroom marsala with pasta. All entrees served with a side salad, roll, beverage and dessert. Gluten-free option available.

Sponsored by Cornerstone Caregiving.

Sign up at [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com) or call 216-292-1970 by July 10.

# WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Business Compass Podcast Highlights Thriving Chamber

The latest episode of the Beachwood Business Compass podcast explores the important role the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce plays in supporting local businesses and strengthening the community.

During the conversation, Economic Development Director Cathy Bieterman and Chamber Executive Director David Lapierre discuss how the Chamber helps connect businesses through networking events, community engagement opportunities, and committee involvement. Lapierre also highlighted the Chamber's continued growth, noting that 71 new members joined the organization last year, bringing new energy and participation to programs.

As Beachwood's business community continues to grow, the Chamber remains a valuable resource for fostering relationships, encouraging collaboration, and supporting a strong local economy. Listen to the full episode to learn more about the Chamber's impact and services.

*Photo Right: Catherine Bieterman and David Lapierre, Executive Director of the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce*



## Economic Development Director Attends OhioX Conference

The 2026 OhioX Conference brought together business leaders, innovators, and policymakers from across Ohio to explore the future of technology and economic growth. Sessions highlighted emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and advanced manufacturing, while panel discussions and networking opportunities encouraged collaboration around workforce development, technology adoption, and strategies for maintaining a competitive edge in a rapidly evolving economy.

"The 2026 OhioX Summit reinforced Ohio's position as a national leader in technology, innovation, and digital transformation," said Economic Development Director Cathy Bieterman. "Beachwood continues to benefit from the talent, entrepreneurship, and forward-thinking businesses that are creating quality jobs, advancing new technologies, and driving economic growth throughout our community."

*Photo Left: Catherine Bieterman, Economic Development Director, with Quentin Fisher, Founder of Aidan Health*

## Team NEO CEO Speaks at Beachwood Chamber Luncheon

The Beachwood Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed Matt Dolan, CEO of Team NEO, as the featured speaker at its monthly luncheon. Dolan shared insights on economic development, regional growth, and emerging opportunities across Northeast Ohio.

As the region's economic development partner, Team NEO works to accelerate business growth and investment throughout Northeast Ohio's 14-county region. His presentation provided valuable perspective on the factors shaping the region's economic future and the opportunities available to businesses and communities.

*Photo Right: David Lapierre, Executive Director of the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce; Matt Dolan, CEO of Team NEO; Mayor Justin Berns*



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# BEACHWOOD



# Class of 2026



# Beachwood Class of 2026

## Academic Recognitions

### Magna Cum Laude Awards

*Ida Chang, Dotan Dana, Charlotte Doughty, Colin Elwell, Derek Fan, Karina Krishnan, Jiahe Liu, Shamith Murthy, Oleksandr Rabochii, Anna Tonyushkin, Junbo Wang, Mirica Woodley, Tony Zheng*

### National Merit Scholarship Finalists

*Dotan Dana, Charlotte Doughty, Karina Krishnan, Leo Kuenzler, Jiahe Liu, Shamith Murthy, Aliaksei Sharakou, Anna Tonyushkin, Junbo Wang, Leo Wang, Tony Zheng*

### National Merit Scholarship Commended Students

*Peter Adobamen, Ida Chang, Ethan Dong, Colin Elwell, Asher Gearity, Srishti Ithychanda, Siena James, Aaron Kahn, Oleksandr Rabochii, Ignatius Ream, Mirica Woodley, Shirley Zhang, Lyndia Zheng*

### Honors Diplomas

*Peter Adobamen, Byeong Woo Ahn, Benjamin Allen, Elle Beck, Noah Beilstein, Mayer Bergman, Meir Bickart, Arnav Bokil, Sawyer Borland, Nathan Brecher, Tristan Brown, Ida Chang, Dotan Dana, Arjun Dhillon, Ethan Dong, Charlotte Doughty, Colin Elwell, Derek Fan, Cameron Feuerman, Kendall Finley, Asher Gearity, Miriam Gilmore, Caleb Greenwood, Adam Hamzah, Dalilah Harrison, Ellen Hawkins, Micael Henderson, Adam Hong, Srishti Ithychanda, Morgan Jackson, Siena James, Aaron Kahn, Benjamin Keyerleber, Alexandra Kheyfets, Karina Krishnan, Jiacheng Kuang, Leo Kuenzler, Gavriel Lappen, Sivan Levy, Jiahe Liu, Arel Magence, Alissa Monahan, Shamith Murthy, Alexandra Myers, David Nikitin, Eric Paul, Oleksandr Rabochii, Ignatius Ream, Allison Rindsberg, Ela Sasmaz, Anna Belle Shapiro, Aliaksei Sharakou, Savanna Shields, Yeru Shim, Mathilde Spaller, Sami Stimpert, Angelica Tall, Ilana Thal, Anna Tonyushkin, Lorena Tovanche, Junbo Wang, Leo Wang, Caleb White, Joshua Wolfe, Mirica Woodley, Maria Zarjetskiy, Shirley Zhang, Lyndia Zheng, Tony Zheng*

### National Honors Society Seniors

*Noah Ahn, Elle Beck, Arnav Bokil, Sawyer Borland, Nathan Brecher, Tristan Brown, Ida Chang, Dotan Dana, Ethan Dong, Colin Elwell, Derek Fan, Cameron Feuerman, Kendall Finley, Asher Gearity, Dalilah Harrison, Ellen Hawkins, Micael Henderson, Adam Hong, Srishti Ithychanda, Siena James, Karina Krishnan, Gavriel Lappen, Alissa Monahan, Shamith Murthy, David Nikitin, Oleksandr Rabochii, Allison Rindsberg, Ela Sasmaz, Aliaksei Sharakou, Savanna Shields, Mathilde Spaller, Sami Stimpert, Angelica Tall, Ilana Thal, Anna Tonyushkin, Junbo Wang, Leo Wang, Caleb White, Mirica Woodley, Maria Zarjetskiy, Natalia Zeiler, Lyndia Zheng, Tony Zheng*

### M.A.C. Scholars Inductees

*Dalilah Harrison, Ellen Hawkins, Tamara Lennings-Jenkins, Samira Shabazz, Savanna Shields, Angelica Tall, Sydney Willmore*

### National Technical Honors Society

*Morgan Jackson, Theodore Johnson, Adeline Wohl*

### Magna Cum Laude

Top 10% of the graduating class by weighted GPA

### National Merit Scholarship

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

# ★ U.S. Presidential Scholars ★

## Semifinalists for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

Recipients: Dotan Dana, Lyndia Zheng, and Tony Zheng

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

# Foundation Scholarships by High School Department

## Career and Technical Education



Elle Beck

## English



Maria Zarjetskiy

## Mathematics



Jiahe Liu

## Performing Arts



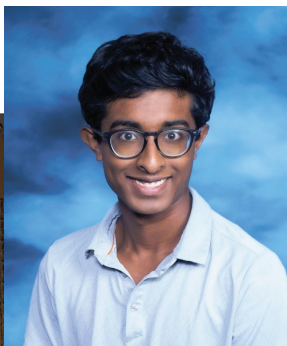
Vega Craig

## Social Studies



Mirica Woodley

## Science



Shamith Murthy

## Technology



Alexandra Kheyfets

## Visual Arts



Nina Hirano

## World Language



Tony Zheng





The Beachwood Schools  
**FOUNDATION**  
Creating A Legacy For Tomorrow

# Scholarships and Awards



Byeong Woo Ahn

Elle Beck

Noah Beilstein

Ida Chang

Vega Craig

Ethan Dong

Lilah Droe

Derek Fan



Cameron Feuerman

Asher Gearity

Caleb Greenwood

Adam Hamzah

Nina Hirano

Adam Hong

Morgan Jackson

Siena James



Theodore Johnson

Aaron Kahn

Alexandra Kheyfets

Karina Krishnan

Jiacheng Kuang

Yuewen Li

Jiahe Liu

Ethan Malek



Alissa Monahan

Shamith Murthy

Ambyr Paul

Oleksandr Rabochii

Allison Rindsberg

Savanna Shields

Sofia Silva

Angelica Tall



Ilana Thal

Junbo Wang

Leo Wang

Adeline Wohl

Mirica Woodley

Maria Zarjetskiy

Lyndia Zheng

Tony Zheng

Not Pictured: Arianna Sweatt

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

## **These are the recipients from the Beachwood High School Class of 2026**

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

### **The Gina Michelle Agin Memorial Scholarship Award**

*Recipient: Siena James*

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

### **The Vera Arlen Scholarship**

*Recipients: Byeong Woo Ahn and Mirica Woodley*

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

### **The Abby Bendis Scholarship**

*Recipient: Allison Rindsberg*

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

She made a positive impact on her family, friends, and the BHS community through simple but powerful interactions with others.

### **The Beachwood Chamber of Commerce Business Scholarship**

*Recipients: Adam Hong and Maria Zarjetskiy*

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

### **The Beachwood Chamber of Commerce Harlan Diamond Culinary Arts Scholarship**

*Recipient: Arianna Sweatt*

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

### **The Beachwood High School Alumni Association Scholarship**

*Recipient: Cameron Feuerman*

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

### **The Beachwood Boosters Athletic Achievement Award**

*Recipients: Alissa Monahan and Ilana Thal*

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

### **The Bison Leadership Scholarship**

*Recipient: Ida Chang*

This award is presented annually to a Beachwood High School graduating senior who has demonstrated significant leadership during their time at Beachwood High School. The selection committee seeks students who show initiative, responsibility, and an ability to motivate others. Leadership may be reflected through roles in clubs, teams, academic pursuits, community service, or personal projects—any space where the student has contributed meaningfully, solved problems, brought people together, or elevated the experiences of others.

### **The Dave and Janice Bloom Scholarship**

*Recipients: Alexandra Kheyfets and Junbo Wang*

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

### **The Cleveland Clinic Health Career Scholarship**

*Recipients: Ambyr Paul and Savanna Shields*

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

## **The Donna Bickoff Cohen Scholarship**

*Recipient: Theodore Johnson*

The Donna Bickoff Cohen Scholarship was established in 2011 by contributions from the community in memory of Donna who was active in nearly everything Beachwood, particularly the schools.

The scholarship honors a student with a "can do" attitude who embodies the spirit of the Beachwood Schools and pride in the Beachwood community.

## **The Fred and Carla Crosby Memorial Scholarship**

*Recipients: Morgan Jackson and Karina Krishnan*

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

## **The Gevelber Family Scholarship**

*Recipients: Derek Fan and Ethan Malek*

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

## **The Arthur Gugick Memorial Scholarship**

*Recipients: Jiacheng Kuang and Yuewen Li*

This award was established in 2020 in the memory of Arthur Gugick, who, throughout his life, was truly an extraordinary individual.

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

## **The Ginny Kline Future Educator Scholarship**

*Recipients: Lilah Droe and Adeline Wohl*

The Ginny Kline Future Educator Scholarship honors her career as an elementary school teacher in Beachwood Schools. This award will be presented to a Beachwood High School senior who plans to pursue studies in the field of K-6 elementary school education.

The student's academic work, community service, and personal character shall demonstrate the passion, values and characteristics of Ginny Kline's career and exhibit a commitment and clear interest in pursuing this field of endeavor.

## **The Joan Lobert Scholarship**

*Recipients: Noah Beilstein and Lyndia Zheng*

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

## **The Ron Madow Athletic Achievement Scholarship**

*Recipient: Caleb Greenwood*

This scholarship is awarded to a Beachwood High School graduating senior wrestler who has been a member of the varsity team for at least two years and has attained a high level of achievement while on the team. This memorial scholarship was established by Ron Madow's family and friends.

## **The Steven Mark Wasserman Memorial Scholarship**

*Recipient: Ethan Dong*

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

## **The Dakota "Cody" Weiner Memorial Scholarship**

*Recipients: Asher Gearity and Aaron Kahn*

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

## **The Weisenberg Family Scholarship**

*Recipient: Leo Wang*

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

## **The Norm Weiss Scholarship**

*Recipient: Sofia Silva*

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

## **The White & Gold For Bison Pride Scholarship**

*Recipients: Savanna Shields and Angelica Tall*

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

## **The Paul and Kate Williams Scholarship**

*Recipient: Oleksandr Rabochii*

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

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

*Recipient: Adam Hamzah*

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



..... *Community Scholarships* .....

**Barbara Nancy Holstein Memorial Award**  
*Recipients: Byeong Woo Ahn and Ida Chang*

**Synthomer Foundation Scholarship**  
*Recipient: Savanna Shields*

**Parker Hannifin Scholarship**  
*Recipient: Leo Wang*

**Friends of The Beachwood Library Scholarship**  
*Recipients:*  
*Ida Chang: First Place*  
*Oleksandr Rabochii: Second Place*  
*Hoorad Daneshvar: Third Place*

**Red Cross Club Scholarship**  
*Recipients: Anna Tonyushkin, Mathilde Spaller, Angelica Tall*

**Beachwood Band and Drill Team Boosters**  
*Recipient: Mathilde Spaller*

**Beachwood Federation of Teachers Scholarship**  
*Recipient: Arnav Bokil*

**Beachwood PTO Scholarships**  
*Arnav Bokil, Ida Chang, Kendall Finley, Adam Hong, Srishti Ithychanda, Alexandra Kheyfets, Karina Krishnan, Angelica Tall, Anna Tonyushkin, Ian Wachsmann\**  
*Mirica Woodley, Lyndia Zheng*  
*\*Bison Spirit Award recipient*

**Keith Bankhead Memorial Award**  
*Recipient: Ethan Malek*

**Wendell David Haynes Memorial Award**  
*Recipient: Sawyer Borland*

**AVI Foodsystems Scholarship**  
*Recipient: Ilana Thal*

..... *Awards* .....

**Randy S. Boroff Bison Award**  
*Recipients: Highley Devine, Mathilde Spaller*

**Gail Brewster JCWA Award**  
*Recipient: Lyndia Zheng*

**Outstanding Service to the Introspect**  
*Recipient: Yeru Shim*

**Outstanding Contribution to the Beachcomber**  
*Recipient: Lyndia Zheng*

**Outstanding Orchestra Leadership**  
*Recipient: Leo Wang*

**Outstanding Orchestra Service**  
*Recipients: Yewen Li, Shirley Zhang*

**Student Council Spirit Award**  
*Recipients: Ida Chang, Asher Gearity*

**American Invitational Mathematics Exam**  
*Recipient: Jiahe Liu*

**Cleveland Technical Society - Senior**  
*Recipient: Karina Krishnan*

**OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest Orchestra Students, Received a Superior Rating**  
*Recipients: Kendall Finley, Madison Henderson, Benjamin Keyerleber, Leo Kuenzler, Yewen Li, David Nikitin, Ignatius Ream, Leo Wang, Shirley Zhang*

**OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest Band Students**  
*Recipients:*  
*Benjamin Allen: Ensemble Class C*  
*Vega Craig: Ensemble Class C*  
*Mirica Woodley: Ensemble Class C*

**Orchestra Director Award**  
*Recipient: Benjamin Keyerleber*

**Outstanding Senior**  
*Recipient: Ellen Hawkins*

**Outstanding Band Member**  
*Recipient: Benjamin Allen*

**Outstanding Orchestra Leadership**  
*Recipient: Leo Wang*

**Friends of Beachwood Orchestra**  
*Recipients: Arnav Bokil (1st Place), Natalia Zeiler (2nd Place)*

**Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence**  
*Recipient: Miriam Gilmore*

**Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award**  
*Recipients: Colin Elwell, Caleb Greenwood, Morgan Jackson*

**Ohio High School Athletic Association Courageous Student Award**  
*Recipients: Ethan Malek, Brooklyn Pryor*

**Ohio High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete Award**  
*Recipients: Karina Krishnan, Junbo Wang*

**Ohio High School Athletic Association Award Of Excellence**  
*Recipients: Asher Gearity, Samira Shabazz*

**Chagrin Valley Conference Sportsmanship Award**  
*Recipients: Caleb Greenwood, Alexandra Kheyfets*

**Ohio High School Athletic Association Award for Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity**  
*Recipients: Gavriel Lappen, Ambyr Paul*

**Ohio High School Athletic Association - Exemplary Service Award - State Award**  
*Recipients: Sherri Malek and Michael White - Beachwood Athletic Boosters*

# BEACHWOOD

# Class of

**Boruch A. Adler** Internship

**Peter Eromosele Kikachukwu Adobamen** Drexel University

**Byeong Woo Ahn** University of California, Berkeley

**Noah Ahn** Miami University

**Sultan Mubarak M Aldosari** Cuyahoga Community College

**Benjamin Lyle Allen** Rochester Institute of Technology

**Elle Beck** Pennsylvania State University

**Noah Beilstein** University of Cincinnati

**Mayer Bergman** The Ohio State University

**Meir Zeev Bickart** The Ohio State University

**Dallas Trenton Bishop** Cuyahoga Community College

**Arnav Bokil** University of South Florida

**Nikita Bondariyev** Cuyahoga Community College

**Sawyer Hannah Borland** University of Tennessee

**Nathan Alexander Brecher** University of Michigan

**Tristan L. Brown** University of South Florida

**Ida Chang** University of Pennsylvania

**Kyle Daniel Chiunda** Internship

**Adrian A. Cintron-Perez** John Carroll University

**Larry D. Clark Jr.** Undecided

**Lyric Jeniyah Coles** Bowling Green State University

**Aaden Yamil Condor** Arizona State University

**Nyla J. Coppage** Bowling Green State University

**Vega Ruby Craig** Bowling Green State University

**Dotan Yitzhak Dana** The Ohio State University

**Hoorad Daneshvar** John Carroll University

**Highley David-James Devine** Undecided

**Arjun Singh Dhillon** Michigan State University

**Mackenzie Marie Dobens** University of Cincinnati

**Ethan Y. Dong** The Ohio State University

**Charlotte Yoo-Hee Doughty** University of Richmond

**Lilah Rose Droe** Ohio University

**David Joshua Durham-Quarles** Internship

**Colin Takeshi Elwell** Georgia Tech

**Derek Fan** United States Naval Academy

**Cameron Feuerman** The Ohio State University

**Dimitri Wu Fields** Internship

**Kendall Marie Finley** Northeastern University

**Asher Joseph Gearity** The Ohio State University

**Daniel Gelshteyn** Undecided

**Miriam Gilmore** University of Akron

**Avi Sean Golubitsky** Miami University

**Caleb James Greenwood** Undecided

**Shanice A. Gyles** Miami University

**Adam Hamzah** The Ohio State University

**Nikai L. Harris** Undecided

**Dalilah Lydia Harrison** Ohio University

**Ellen May Hawkins** Miami University

**Madison Michelle Henderson** The University of Cincinnati

**Micai Olivia Henderson** The University of Cincinnati

**Nina Hirano** Undecided

**Adam Caleb Hong** Indiana University

**Christopher Drew Houston** Rochester Institute of Technology

**Srishti Ithychanda** The Ohio State University

**Morgan Elizabeth-Lanell Jackson** John Carroll University

**Siena Lynn James** The Ohio State University

**Basil H. Jawa** Undecided

**Theodore Edward Johnson** Cuyahoga Community College

**Ezekiel Joshua Kahana** Internship

**Aaron Kahn** Case Western Reserve University

**Aharon Katz** Internship

**Benjamin Philip Keyerleber** Purdue University

**Alexandra Kheyfets** The Ohio State University

**Karina Krishnan** University of Pennsylvania

**Jiacheng Kuang** The Ohio State University

# 2026



# SENIOR DECISIONS

- Leo Kuenzler** Purdue University  
**Gavriel Lappen** University of Maryland  
**Tamara Lennings-Jenkins** Undecided  
**Sivan Levy** The Ohio State University  
**Yuewen Li** The Ohio State University  
**Jiahe Liu** Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
**Noah P. Lonzer** Gap Year  
**Arel Magence** The Ohio State University  
**Abdelmoniem Mohamed Mahmoud** The Ohio State University  
**Ethan Malek** University of Cincinnati  
**Anthony Marquardt** Internship  
**Alias Frederick McKinney** The Ohio State University  
**Chyen C. Melton** Hanily Leading Edge Flight Academy  
**Alissa Meghan Monahan** Miami University  
**Shamith Shiva Murthy** University of California, Berkeley  
**Alexandra Jia-Lin Myers** The Ohio State University  
**Lauren Ann Nagy-Oleski** John Carroll University  
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# Starting the Conversation: A New Approach to the Aging Journey

By Debby Zelman Rapoport

Aging – whether our own or that of our parents – is something we all face, yet few of us feel prepared to navigate. Too often, it's approached in moments of urgency, when decisions must be made quickly, emotions are high, and options feel unclear. Rarely is it seen as a life stage that can be approached with intention, clarity, and even a sense of calm.

That's the space Next Steps Eldercare Consulting is working to fill.

Founded by Beachwood High School alum Dina Rock ('82) and Lori Lynn, both certified senior advisors®, Next Steps grew from something simple – walks around the neighborhood. Living just six houses apart, they would head out with their dogs, Ella and Brody, talking about life, family, and the often complicated realities of caring for aging parents.

Those conversations kept returning to care for their aging parents, along with the same questions: What do we do next? Who do we call? Why isn't there a clear place to start? When they searched for answers, they found information scattered across different fields – legal, medical, financial – but nothing that brought it together in a way that felt clear, supportive, or even hopeful. As their conversations expanded to include friends, it became clear they weren't alone in that frustration.

Next Steps was created to be that starting point – a place where families can pause, take a breath, and begin to make sense of the aging journey before it becomes overwhelming.

Dina brings an educator's lens shaped by 35 years in the classroom and leadership roles,

where she focused on making complex topics accessible. Lori adds decades of experience in employee benefits, insurance, and wellness, offering insight into the practical realities families face. Together, they guide rather than prescribe – helping families ask the right questions, access the right resources, and move forward with confidence.

Their approach centers on a shift in mindset. Instead of focusing on crisis, they emphasize preparation. Aging, they believe, deserves the same thoughtful planning as any other stage of life. That can begin with something as simple as organizing key information, understanding available resources, or starting conversations that families often avoid. Parents may not want to feel like a burden. Adult children may not know how to begin. Often, opening the door to conversation is the most meaningful first step.

"It's really an opportunity to approach the aging journey in a proactive, thoughtful way," Dina said. "It starts with simple questions: What do you want your journey to look like? What resources are in place? So many families don't know the basics – where documents are, how to access accounts, or even who to call. Putting those pieces together ahead of time allows decisions to be made with clarity instead of urgency."

Next Steps works with families across three phases of aging: proactive, active, and reactive. While they support clients in times of crisis, their focus is on helping people start earlier – when small, thoughtful steps can prevent larger challenges later.



Dina Rock

"Our work meets families wherever they are," Lori said. "When decisions are made from a place of calm rather than urgency, it helps preserve independence, dignity, and a sense of control for everyone involved."

That philosophy extends to the way they connect with the community. Through their "Walk With Us Wednesdays" initiative, they invite people to take a walk and reflect on one small aspect of planning or communication.

As their work expands, Dina and Lori are bringing these conversations into the workplace, where many employees are quietly balancing careers, children, and aging parents. By providing education and resources, they aim to ease that burden while helping employers support a more focused, prepared workforce.

For Dina, the connection to Beachwood makes the work especially meaningful. "This is a community where people are deeply invested in their families," she said. "Having a place to begin – to ask questions and take that first step – can make all the difference."



Lori Lynn

"There is no perfect moment to start," Lori added. "There is simply the next step – a conversation, a question, a small action that leads to another."

"Within the next 10 years, more Americans will be over the age of 65 than under 18," Dina said. "Once you begin the process, something shifts. What once felt overwhelming becomes manageable, uncertainty starts to take shape, and the journey – while still complex – no longer has to be faced alone."

Together, Dina and Lori are working to shift the narrative around aging from one of crisis to one of preparation and possibility.

"We exist to help people navigate this stage of life with clarity and confidence," Dina said. "Aging is a life phase and education is empowerment. Our goal is to preserve dignity and respect – and to remind people that every journey matters and every next step begins with a conversation."

For more information, visit [www.nextstepseldercareconsulting.com](http://www.nextstepseldercareconsulting.com), follow along on Facebook and Instagram, or email [dina@nextstepseldercareconsulting.com](mailto:dina@nextstepseldercareconsulting.com) or [Lori@nextstepseldercareconsulting.com](mailto:Lori@nextstepseldercareconsulting.com).

# FOPA Lodge 88

**F**OPA Lodge 88 recently honored Merle Gorden for his remarkable 52 years of service and dedication to the lodge. Merle, who co-founded Lodge 88 in 1974, remains an active and valued member today.

For more than five decades, he has helped shape the lodge's foundation, spirit, and ongoing commitment to fellowship, service, and support for law enforcement and the greater community. His leadership and longtime involvement reflect a deep dedication to civic engagement and the people of Beachwood.

Mel Jacobs, former Beachwood City Council member, joined the lodge two months after it was founded.

The mission of FOPA Lodge 88 is to support law enforcement officers, strengthen relationships

between police and the community, and provide opportunities for fellowship, service, and civic involvement. Through its programs, events, and outreach, the lodge helps promote respect, understanding, and appreciation for those who serve and protect.

Membership offers individuals the opportunity to become part of an organization rooted in service, connection, and community support. Donations are always appreciated. To become a member or make a donation, contact Rob Marimberga, president, at [rob2u@aol.com](mailto:rob2u@aol.com).



President Rob Marimberga (standing) with Merle Gorden, FOPA Lodge 88 co-founder, and Mel Jacobs, longtime member. Photo by Scott Morrison, Discovery Photo.

Everyone has a story to tell, and *Beachwood Buzz* is always looking for the people, places, and moments that make our community shine. Please email your story ideas and photos to [beachwoodbuzz@gmail.com](mailto:beachwoodbuzz@gmail.com).

## From the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce

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Deandra Evans, licensed professional clinical counselor with supervision designation, is the founder and CEO of Right Direction Behavioral Health Services, founder and CEO of Right Direction Community Services, and co-owner of Collaborative Community Services.

Deandra is known for her passion, vision, and unwavering commitment to helping others. Her work is grounded in the belief that everyone deserves access to compassionate, culturally responsive care and the opportunity to thrive. Through her leadership, she continues to build innovative programs, foster meaningful partnerships, and advocate for lasting change within the behavioral health system.

To register, please visit [www.beachwood.org](http://www.beachwood.org).



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Bob DiBiasio Sr., Cleveland Guardians vice president of community relations, will be talking Tribe baseball with attendees. Seating is limited; register early. Vegan/vegetarian lunch choices will be available upon special request. Please email [director@beachwood.org](mailto:director@beachwood.org).

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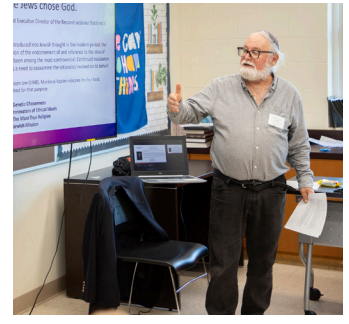
## Yarn Over Beachwood

Participants of Yarn Over Beachwood knit, crochet, and loom items for several places and organizations throughout Northeast Ohio. The group shares ideas, patterns, projects, websites, links to patterns, and more. Meetings are held the first Friday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Beachwood Library. Upcoming meetings are Aug. 7, and Sept. 4. For more information or to donate yarn, contact Iris November at [lbtyclub@gmail.com](mailto:lbtyclub@gmail.com) or 216.375.9111.

# Community-wide Tikkun Leil Shavuot Draws 500 Participants

The Community-wide Tikkun Leil Shavuot, presented by B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, brought together 500 people for a 12-hour celebration and study program May 21-22, 2026.

The event was made possible through the partnership of 23 co-sponsoring organizations and 37 teachers from across Northeast Ohio, many of them based in Beachwood. Participants gathered for an evening and overnight experience filled with learning, socializing, prayer, and food in celebration of the holiday.



Beachwood residents Cantor Alyssa Rosenbaum, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation; editor Bob Jacob, *Cleveland Jewish News*; and Rabbi Danny Gottlieb, Suburban Temple Kol Ami. Photos by Steve Chupnick.

The program reflected a strong spirit of community and collaboration, bringing together

people from across the region for meaningful study and connection. Planning is underway for the

2027 Community-wide Tikkun Leil Shavuot, which will take place next June.

# Dennis Lewin Brings a Lifetime of Music to the Airwaves

For Cleveland musician Dennis Lewin, music has always been more than a profession. It has been a lifelong companion, a creative language and, today, a way to help others hear classical music with new appreciation.

Dennis began playing piano at the age of 4 and went on to study with respected teachers, including Margaret Heller and Dr. Andrius Kuprevicius. While his early training was rooted in classical music, his musical path widened as he grew older and discovered a love for rock and roll. That combination – classical discipline, creative curiosity and a deep love of performance – has shaped a career that spans composing, recording, teaching, performing and broadcasting.

As a Cleveland musician and songwriter, Dennis became part of Jonah Koslen and the Heroes before joining Beau Coup, one of Cleveland's best-known rock bands of the 1980s. His songwriting played an important role in the band's sound, with many of his songs appearing on Beau Coup's self-titled EP and later on the full-length album *Born & Raised on Rock & Roll*. The Dennis-penned *Sweet Rachel* landed on the Billboard Hot 100 and received radio airplay beyond Cleveland, helping introduce the band's music to a wider audience.

Since the 1980s, *Sweet Rachel* and several other Beau Coup

compositions written by Dennis have aired on radio stations throughout the world, and the video for *Sweet Rachel* was featured on MTV and other international video shows.

Yet Dennis's musical story did not stop with the stage. Over the years, he has continued to compose, perform, and teach through his private piano studio, where he shares the classical training, performance experience and musical insight he has developed over a lifetime in music.

He has earned praise for his solo piano CD *Crossing Chagrin* and for creating the soundtrack to the award-winning independent film *Filmic Achievement*. His name has also appeared in Cleveland-based novels by author Les Roberts and in books highlighting music and Cleveland's rock legacy.

Today, Dennis is also known as the host of *Turning You On To Classical Music with Dennis Lewin*, a long-running radio program designed to make classical music more approachable and meaningful. Through the show, Dennis shares the stories behind some of the world's most influential composers, conductors,

and musicians, offering listeners more than beautiful music. He gives them context, history, and a deeper understanding of the people behind the compositions.

*"Whether he is performing, teaching or introducing listeners to the lives of great composers, Dennis continues to do what he has done since childhood – bring music to life."*

The program explores the lives, struggles, and creative brilliance of figures such as Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Copland, Stravinsky, and Gershwin. With the insight of a trained classical pianist and the warmth of a lifelong performer, Dennis helps listeners connect with music that may otherwise feel intimidating or unfamiliar.

Listeners can hear *Turning You On To Classical Music* at [www.dennislewinradio.com](http://www.dennislewinradio.com), a 24/7 online stream, as well as through select traditional radio broadcasts, including Cleveland-area stations AM



Dennis Lewin shares his passion for classical music through performance, teaching, and his long-running radio show.

1420 WHK and AM 1220 WHKW, and FM 103.5 WXGR in New Hampshire. Past episodes are also available through on-demand podcast platforms.

In addition to his radio work and teaching, Dennis continues to share his music close to home. He performs as a solo pianist every Wednesday at Hyde Park, in Beachwood, bringing decades of experience, artistry, and heart to local audiences.

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Health and wellness are shaped by the everyday choices, routines, relationships, and opportunities that help children and families grow stronger, feel supported, build confidence, and stay connected.

For parents, caring for a child's well-being often means looking at the whole picture. It means having access to trusted care when questions arise, helping children develop healthy habits, encouraging movement and play, supporting emotional wellness, and creating opportunities for them to grow in confidence. From routine dental visits to behavioral health support, from gymnastics to recreational soccer, wellness is not one single thing. It is a collection of care, experiences, and encouragement that helps children thrive.

This section highlights local resources devoted to supporting children and families in meaningful ways. Jump! Start Gymnastics helps children build strength, balance, coordination, confidence, and joy through movement. Skoda Gordon Dentistry supports healthy smiles and lifelong habits through professional, family-centered dental care. Right Direction Behavior Health Services offers support, guidance, and tools for children, teens, and families navigating emotional, behavioral, and mental health needs. Beachwood Bison Rec Soccer gives young athletes the chance to be active, learn teamwork, develop skills, and experience the fun of being part of a team.

Together, these services remind us that wellness is both physical and emotional. It lives in strong bodies, healthy smiles, safe spaces, trusted caregivers, positive outlets, and the encouragement children receive along the way. It is found in moments of growth, in small victories, in trying something new, and in discovering what makes each child feel capable and alive.

As families make choices for the months ahead, we hope this section offers helpful connections and inspiration. Whether you are looking for care, support, enrichment, or healthy activities for your children, these local professionals and programs are here to help nurture well-being at every age and stage.

The logo features a soccer ball in the center, flanked by two stars on each side. Below the soccer ball is the text "BEACHWOOD BISON REC SOCCER" in large, bold, black letters. Underneath that is "2026 FALL SEASON" in a smaller font. Further down, it says "GRADES K-7 • NO TRYOUTS BOYS TEAMS & GIRLS TEAMS". Below that, it lists "SHABBAT AND HIGH HOLY DAY FRIENDLY OPTION", "WEEKLY PRACTICES, GAMES, & CLINICS", "UNIFORM INCLUDED", "PARENT VOLUNTEER COACHES", and "MID-AUGUST TO MID-OCTOBER". At the bottom left is the Beachwood Bison logo, and at the bottom right is a QR code.

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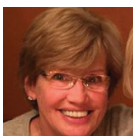


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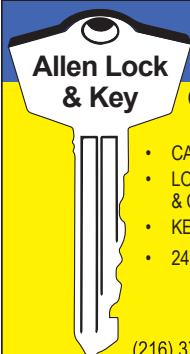
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