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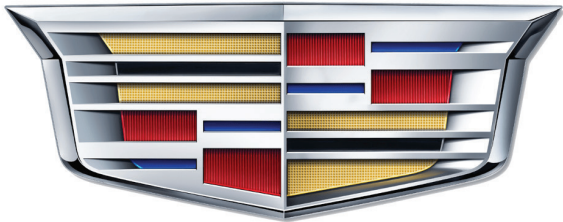
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Letter from **THE EDITOR**

By Debby Zelman Rapoport

Last month, I traveled to Alaska aboard a small expedition ship. Unlike a traditional cruise, the emphasis was less on moving from one port to another and more on experiencing the nature and beauty surrounding us.

Naturalists and expedition experts joined us on hikes and Zodiac excursions, sharing their knowledge of Alaska's glaciers, forests, wildlife, and ecosystems. Back on board, presentations and photography guidance deepened our understanding of what we had experienced.

Throughout the week, we had very little internet service, which turned out to be a blessing.

Without the constant pull of emails, texts, news, notifications and social media, there was more space to notice our surroundings and absorb the sights, sounds, and stillness around us. We watched whales surface, listened to glaciers shifting, marveled at otters, sea lions, eagles, and the oh-so-cute puffins, and took in mountains, forests, waterfalls, and endless stretches of water. There was also more time to learn, grow as a photographer, and capture the beauty around me – all of which bring me great joy.

Although beauty regularly surrounds us, it can fade into the background when our attention

is divided. Just yesterday, I watched hummingbirds visit my feeders, spotted the season's first monarch butterfly, admired a beautiful rainbow as it formed before my eyes, and looked up to see three Cooper's hawks circling above my yard.

We often consider how we spend our time. We make to-do lists, fill our calendars, and carefully plan our days. Perhaps we should also consider how we spend our attention – one of our most valuable resources.

Our attention is often fragmented among work, responsibilities, relationships, and caregiving. In caring for everyone and everything around us, we can lose sight of what we need – and what matters most to us.

Awareness gives us an opportunity to pause and ask: Where is my attention going? Does it reflect my priorities? Am I making room for what brings into my life meaning, connection, joy, and gratitude?

For me, relationships, travel, and making memories are priorities.

Meaningful connections, new experiences, and shared moments enrich my life in lasting ways.

That foundation became deeply rooted in me while my sister, Darcy, was battling cancer. She died more than 10 years ago, and her belief in spending time with loved ones and creating meaningful memories continues to shape the way I live.

Life is precious. Time is not promised. Opportunities do not always remain available simply because we hope to return to them someday.

I believe in seizing the moment when we can. The ideal time may never arrive exactly as we imagined. There will always be responsibilities, reasons to postpone, and competing demands for our attention. At some point, we may need to stop waiting for the perfect opening and begin making room for what matters most.

We cannot do everything, nor are we meant to – a lesson I'm still learning. A meaningful life is not about fitting everything in. It is about setting priorities

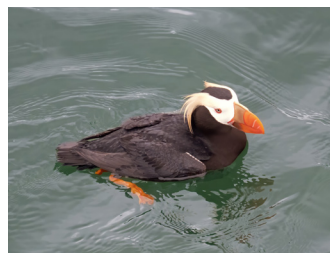
and becoming more intentional about what we allow in.

We can shift our mindset from limitation to possibility – from "I can't" to "What steps can I take to make this possible?" or "Will I regret not doing this in the future?"

I'm grateful that I chose to travel to Alaska – and for the memories created along the way, memories that will last a lifetime.

As you reflect on where your attention is going, consider where you are now – and where you would like to be. What areas of your life are asking for more intention, connection, or possibility?

These questions helped inspire the Happy Healthy Everything Retreat in Sedona this January. Together with Heidi DuBois, Dr. Katherine Jackson, and Jillian Wolstein, I am grateful to help create an experience centered on connection, growth, wellness, nature, and renewal. If you're ready to step away from the noise, focus on what matters most, and come home to yourself, please join us! We have seven spots left. Details are on page 5.



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K'Dyn Harris-Tate, Marley
Readance, Kyrsten Ginn,
Meena Abdul-Basser

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Real Estate Statistical Update by Sharon Friedman



Beachwood has extended the **hot! hot! hot! sellers' market** into this summer with the number of sold listings up by a whopping 56% in June over the previous month! Market time was reduced by 20% and the average list price to sale price ratio held steady at 100%. Home sales statistics for Beachwood remain 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

Homes SOLD in Beachwood

April 9, 2026 – July 8, 2026

Street	Days	List	Sold	LP/SP%	Bed	Bath	Build
Concord	5	340,000	360,000	106%	3	2	1956
Halworth	18	370,000	370,000	100%	4	3	1952
Halworth	31	399,000	375,000	94%	4	3	1952
Hazelmere	8	350,000	400,000	114%	3	3	1964
S Green	4	399,000	405,000	102%	3	3	1966
Woodway	7	449,000	433,000	96%	4	2	1955
N Woodland	30	450,000	450,000	100%	3	3	1890
Halburton	18	389,000	455,000	117%	3	4	1949
Lyndway	1	475,000	470,000	99%	4	3	1958
Bryden	17	465,000	472,500	102%	3	4	1956
E Silsby	1	479,000	479,000	100%	4	2	1950
Hendon	1	515,000	515,000	100%	4	3	1973
E Baintree	37	499,000	520,000	104%	4	2	1950
Greenlawn	2	495,000	525,000	106%	3	3	1962
Letchworth	18	565,000	550,000	97%	4	4	1966
Havel	191	675,000	620,000	92%	4	3	1974
Hermitage	46	725,000	640,000	88%	5	6	1965
Meldon	13	589,900	685,000	116%	4	3	1963
Shaker	3	675,000	690,000	102%	4	3	1982
Haverhill	11	719,500	709,000	99%	3	5	1993
Wendover	11	775,000	767,000	99%	4	4	1959
Hilltop	67	824,900	800,000	97%	5	4	2004
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
Penshurst	6	895,000	865,000	97%	4	4	1980
Shaker	85	950,000	920,000	97%	4	4	1958
Beachwood	36	995,000	995,000	100%	5	4	1961
Annesley	24	1,375,000	1,250,000	91%	4	5	1968
N Woodland	315	1,599,000	1,599,000	100%	5	5	2026

Beachwood Market Update

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Not only did they accomplish that goal, but the quartet turned in a remarkable team performance on the biggest stage, scoring 53 points to secure the state title by 22 points over runner-up Huron.

Following the state championship performance, head coach Willie Smith said, "I am just thankful to be blessed with these magnificent young women and my outstanding coaching staff. We work together and they work so hard every day. They are a special group. We don't talk a lot about these moments. We just focus on preparing each day and let that carry us."

In track and field, points and team championships are built through depth in both running and field events. But this Beachwood team of just four athletes flipped that narrative, combining speed, precision, and poise across multiple individual and relay events to

capture the third state title in program history (2017, 2018, 2026).

This came on the heels of a fourth straight Chagrin Valley Conference championship, a district title, and a runner-up finish at regionals. By the time the team arrived in Columbus, the group was not simply hoping to contend for the state championship. They were prepared to win it. From the opening event, it was clear that Beachwood was not just in Columbus to compete, but to dominate the Division IV meet.

"It means everything to be part of a team that made history," Kyrsten said. "It's very rare to see four girls win a state championship together. Winning isn't just about running fast, it's about the hard

Above: Back row, from left: Assistant coach Nya Bussey, head coach Willie Smith, and assistant coach Olivia Mayfield-Davis – with her future track star!

Front row, from left: Assistant coach Jamie Lader, assistant coach Corbin Stacey, Marley Readance, Kyrsten Ginn, K'Dyn Harris-Tate, Meena Abdul-Basser, and assistant coach Kelvette Beacham.

work that we put in together and the dedication that we have. I'm proud that we were able to represent our school and bring home a state title."

For those who have followed the Beachwood girls track and field program, it may not have come as a surprise that this group captured a state title. At last year's state meet, the youthful Bison squad finished seventh in Division II, earning valuable experience on the state's biggest stage. Over the next year, they dedicated themselves to taking that next step. They pushed one another in practice, competed against elite competition, won the OATCCC Indoor State Championship in March, and improved their times throughout the season.

"We knew that everyone would play a crucial role in scoring points at the state meet," Marley said. "With only four of us, every event and every point mattered."

The Bison wasted little time in making their presence felt in Columbus. The 100-meter dash featured two sprinters from Beachwood with K'Dyn delivering one of her best races of the season to claim the state title with a time of 12.56. Marley was close behind in 13.00 to place fifth. The 14 points quickly placed Beachwood near the top of the team standings.

"Running in the 100-meters really sets me up for the 4x200 relay because it takes place right after," Marley said. "Then the 4x200 becomes a warmup for the 4x400 relay. It gets all of us together and starts to build our chemistry as a team."

The 4x200-meter relay was next, and this is where the championship started to take shape for Beachwood. Running with a cadence that showcased months and months of preparation, the fab four delivered a blistering performance with a state record time of 1:39.86. That time separated them from the rest of the field by more than four seconds, a significant margin at the state meet.

After the group received their awards on the podium, K'Dyn told the OHSAA in a post-race interview that the team was focused on execution. "We went into the finals and knew what we wanted to do," she said. "It was all about trusting each other, making good handoffs, and crossing the finish line with a fast time."

"We have a lot of trust in each other in the relays," Meena said. "If we didn't trust one another, we would not have been able to move around the track the way we did. The baton exchanges were key."

The victory added 10 more points to Beachwood's total and began to separate the Bison from other teams. As the relay team gathered on top of the podium to collect their medals, Meena was preparing to

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Marley Readance

build on Beachwood's momentum in the 200-meters and 400-meters.

Competing in multiple events over the course of a state meet requires both physical and mental toughness. Athletes must manage fatigue while maintaining focus against elite competition. For Meena, success came from trusting her preparation and executing each race according to plan.

"It's really important that I precisely execute each phase of the race," Meena said. "In the 400, that means getting out fast, opening my stride, building up speed, moving my arms faster, and sprinting through the finish line. In the 200, it's more about making sure I'm getting my feet on the ground fast enough and really swinging my arms."

First came the 400-meters where Meena combined power and speed to claim her first individual state title of the day with a time of 54.77.

But she wasn't finished.

Later in the meet, Meena was once again in the starting blocks along with Harris-Tate in the 200-meters, an event that requires acceleration and control around the turn. Once again, the duo delivered with a 1-2 finish.

Meena earned her second individual state title of the day with a time of 25.16, while Harris-Tate finished as the runner-up in 25.24

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Meena Abdul-Basser





Dr. Robert Hardis, superintendent of Beachwood Schools, presents Meena Abdul-Basser with a plaque recognizing the girls track and field team's OHSAA Division IV state championship.

seconds. The 18 points they combined to score officially clinched the Division IV state championship for Beachwood, even with events still remaining.

"It meant a lot to be able to win state titles in both the 200-meters and 400-meters, especially because of how I ended up placing last year," Meena said, who finished 11th in 200-meters and 3rd in 400-meters. "It really made me want it even more this year. I'm so happy that I was able to achieve my goals this year."

After a long, grueling day in the sun and heat, the Bison had one more race to run, the 4x400-meter relay. With the state championship already secured, the group finished eighth in the final event of the day with a time of 4:08.56.

"Some of us were running eight events over two days, so by the time we got to the 4x400, we were definitely tired," Marley said. "It was a relief when we found out that we had already clinched the state title because the 4x400 is such a mental race and it took a lot of the pressure off."

In a sport where team depth in both track and field events is seen as a big advantage, Beachwood demonstrated that a formula of speed and peak performance from a small group of competitors could be enough to attain the ultimate goal of a state title.

Each athlete contributed in different ways. K'Dyn delivered

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Kyrsten Ginn

sprint victories, Meena dominated multiple individual races, Marley added valuable individual points and contributed to both relays, and Kyrsten played an essential role in the record-setting relay performances that created separation in the team standings.

"Trust is one of the biggest things we have and the most natural," Kyrsten said. "We believe in each other, we support one another and everyone is willing to do their part. Chemistry makes a huge difference."

Together, they proved that championships aren't always won by the largest teams. Sometimes they are won by a small group of athletes who are committed to one another and willing to embrace every practice, every workout, and every opportunity to improve.

The state championship adds another memorable chapter to one of the area's premier track and field programs. Beachwood's third girls track and field state title builds on the program's tradition of excellence while setting a standard for future Bison athletes who hope to follow in the footsteps of these four young women.

"When they announced that it was four girls from Beachwood who won the state title, that was really special," Marley said. "The team bonding and support for each other – including support from the boys team that was also competing at the state meet – were things that I will never forget."

As the four athletes stood atop the awards podium, holding the championship trophy together, they weren't simply celebrating an unforgettable weekend in Columbus. They were celebrating years of training and the realization of a goal they had worked hard to achieve.

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K'Dyn Harris-Tate

"Being able to stand on the podium with my teammates was my favorite memory from the meet," Meena said. "It was truly a testament to all of the hard work we have put in."

Four athletes. One championship. It all equaled a performance that will be remembered in Beachwood for years to come.



Beachwood High School Athletic Director Ryan Peters proudly recognizes the girls track and field team's OHSAA Division IV state championship during the city's Juneteenth celebration as head coach Willie Smith looks on.

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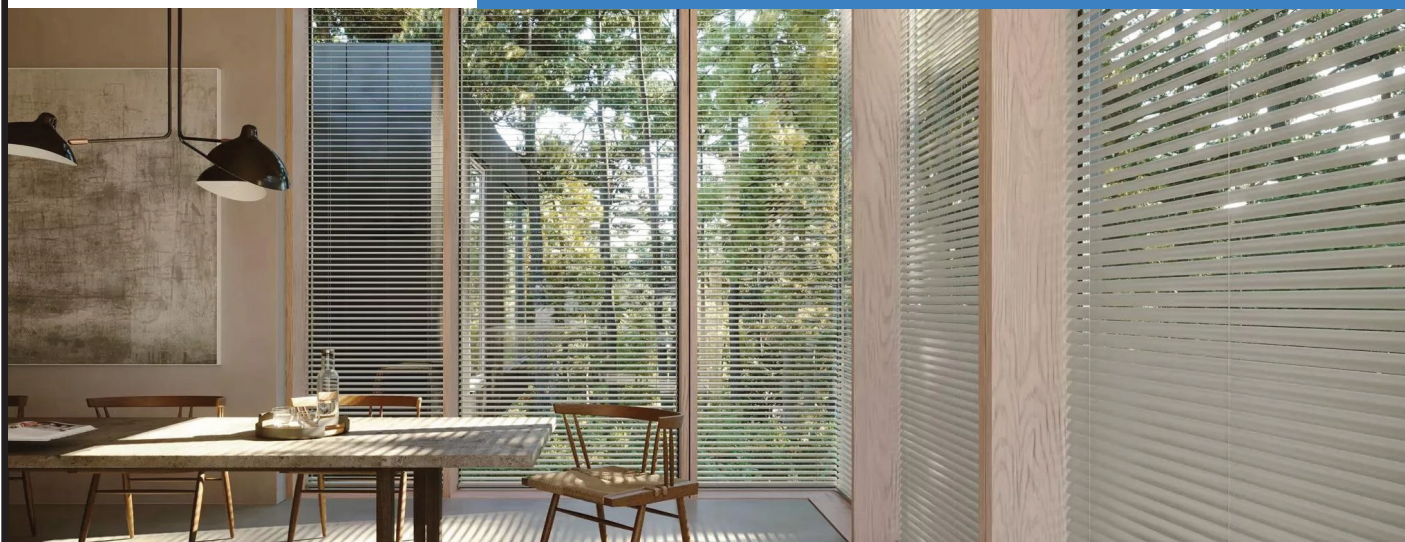
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2 WALK THE CLEVELAND METROPARKS

Move Better Tip: Start with shorter distances and build up gradually. Wear supportive shoes and bring water. Use hiking poles if you have knee or balance concerns.



3 CATCH A GUARDIANS GAME

Move Better Tip: Get up and move around during innings and stretch your legs. Don't sit for long periods of time!



4 VISIT THE CLEVELAND ZOO

Move Better Tip: Wear good walking shoes and take rest breaks. Use benches or lean on railings if you need to.



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7 ENJOY A CONCERT AT BLOSSOM

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Move Better Tip: Split heavy purchases between both hands or use a rolling cart to reduce strain.

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☐ PLAY PICKLEBALL WITH FRIENDS

Move Better Tip: Spend five minutes warming up before your first game. Your shoulders, elbows, calves, and Achilles tendons will thank you.

11



☐ RIDE YOUR BIKE

Move Better Tip: A properly adjusted seat can reduce knee pain and make longer rides much more enjoyable.

12



☐ PLANT A FLOWER OR VEGETABLE GARDEN

Move Better Tip: Kneel on a pad, use long-handled tools when possible, and avoid lifting heavy bags of mulch alone.

13



☐ HOST A BACKYARD BARBECUE

Move Better Tip: While the food is cooking, take a quick walk and stretch instead of standing in one position.

14



☐ CHASE YOUR GRANDCHILDREN AROUND THE YARD

Move Better Tip: Strength and balance training today helps you keep making memories tomorrow.

15



☐ WATCH A LAKE ERIE SUNSET

Move Better Tip: Take a relaxing walk before settling into your chair—and don't forget to stand up and stretch afterward.



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LISTEN TO YOUR BODY

NORMAL

- ✓ Mild muscle soreness
- ✓ Feeling tired after activity
- ✓ Stiffness that improves as you move

TIME TO GET CHECKED

- ✗ Sharp pain
- ✗ Significant swelling
- ✗ Joint instability
- ✗ Pain lasting several days
- ✗ Pain that keeps you from enjoying summer activities

RX YOUR PRESCRIPTION FOR SUMMER

PRESCRIPTION:

- ✓ 30 minutes of movement every day.
- ✓ One sunset each week.
- ✓ Two pickleball games (or your favorite activity).
- ✓ Plenty of water.
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- ✓ Stretch before you play.
- ✓ Call your physical therapist if pain keeps you from checking off your list.



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Settling the Estate of a Loved One

Losing a loved one is emotionally challenging and perhaps the most difficult moment in your life. Yet while grieving there are many tasks that one responsible individual must complete in order to settle the estate. This article is geared toward the executor, the person who will be "quarterbacking" the process in probate court and/or trust to settle the estate of a loved one. If you have been the executor and/or trustee of an estate then you understand that it can be very involved and a great deal of work. If you haven't endured this role, then hopefully this article will provide some insight on what to expect when that time comes.

Secure Your Oxygen Mask

If you're not taking care of yourself, you're not going to be able to take care of anything else. Grief will hijack the brain and body like nothing else, so please make sure you are taking care of your overall health before engaging in the tasks ahead. Let people help in any and all ways they are able to help you, so that you can take on the enormous tasks of processing your loss while being the quarterback.

Research suggests that grieving is not progressive, like a staircase. Having a terrible day after a relatively good day can be disheartening, but it is normal. As an estate attorney helping clients with numerous probate estates, I've found the following to be most helpful when dealing with grief and the responsibilities as executor:

- Share the burden of the loss and the joy of your memories with family members and friends.
- Think about helping others cope, if you can. Helping others deal with the loss can be healing in its own way.
- Stay well, physically. Move and exercise, eat healthful foods, and most of all, sleep. Sounds too easy, right? But seriously, most people fail to do this.

- Accept help. Help may arrive in a flood at first, but if you feel at your limit and the flood has turned into a trickle, reach out and ask for what you need. Or let your loved ones know in the beginning you may be happy to take them up on their offer later.

Obtain the Trust or Will

Hopefully your loved one let you know where you could find the original or copy of their estate plan. If they had a last will and testament, then the document will be administered through probate court. A trust will have a similar process; however, there is no court involvement. Review the document to get a sense of who is in charge and who will inherit. Look specifically to see if someone has been disinherited so that you can be aware of any potential conflicts down the road. Trust me, when death and money are involved, family members will come out of the woodwork with their hands out expecting their share.

Create an Inventory of Assets and Debts

Settling an estate will generally involve liquidating the assets, depositing them into one large account, paying debts, and then making distributions to beneficiaries. In order to accomplish this task an inventory of assets and debts must be assembled. A spreadsheet will be helpful if you can start recording the things you know of. More may be uncovered along the way. This inventory will be helpful to your attorney during your first meeting with them, and they will help develop it throughout the probate and/or trust process.

Your attorney will advise you which debts must be paid and when they should be paid. Do not

begin paying debts immediately, as not every debt is legally required to be paid. In addition, Ohio probate law establishes a priority order for creditors. If you, as the fiduciary, pay lower-priority creditors before higher-priority creditors, you could be held personally liable for those payments. Instead, begin by preparing a thorough inventory of the estate's assets and debts. Having an accurate understanding of the estate's financial picture will help ensure the administration proceeds properly and in compliance with Ohio law.

Secure Real Estate

Because a death is often published in the newspaper, it's important to secure any property to fend off thieves or disgruntled relatives. Don't be afraid of aggravating family members. It is important that nothing is distributed or taken from the decedent's home. If necessary, changing the locks on the property is completely acceptable if you're appointed as fiduciary of the estate. If you are not the fiduciary, entering the home is considered a crime and should be avoided without court supervision. Part of securing the property is making sure that there is a plan for water and electric. If the house overheats or pipes freeze, there can be some unpleasant downhill problems to deal with. Thus, assets that are liquidated through the process will be used to pay any expenses and utilities.

Contact a Probate Attorney

I cannot stress enough that settling the estate of a loved one should not be attempted by yourself. There are hundreds of nuances and tricks to avoid creditors and perhaps more importantly, ensure that you are not violating any laws as the fiduciary/executor. We like to

work with our estate planning clients in the beginning to structure their estate plan so that probate won't be necessary. However, even trusts involve a great deal of administration and effort.

The most important thing is that you have a consultation with an attorney that specializes in probate and estates. There are things about Ohio probates that even a good general practicing attorney will miss. There is time, but ideally you will engage an attorney between 30-45 days from the date of death. They will help you "open the estate."

Timeline

If you need help as the executor of an estate or would like to make your estate plan as seamless as possible, please contact our office by phone at 216-573-3723 or email me at dan@baronlawcleveland.com. As always, please feel free to email me with any other legal concern that you may have. Your questions and comments are much appreciated.

Settling a loved one's estate can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to navigate it alone. For more information or to schedule a free initial consultation, contact us at 216-573-3723 or dan@baronlawcleveland.com.

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Juneteenth 2026

The City of Beachwood's 4th Annual Juneteenth Community Celebration welcomed approximately 1,200 attendees on June 19 at the Beachwood High School Stadium for an afternoon of culture, connection, and community.

Presented in partnership with Beachwood City Schools, the Beachwood Schools African American Affinity Group, and Crestmont Automotive, the event featured more than 55 vendors, family activities, food trucks, roller skating, inflatables, mini golf, community crafts, and an outdoor screening of *Piece by Piece* on a giant mobile movie screen.

"A unique addition to this year's celebration was our Juneteenth Kindness Rocks craft," said Community Services director Derek Schroeder. "Attendees

created painted rocks that will be placed throughout the community to continue spreading joy and uplifting community spirit long after the event."

"This year's Juneteenth celebration was a tremendous success," said Superintendent Robert Hardis. "It was especially meaningful to honor our state champion girls track and field team in front of the community. I am grateful to our staff, community partners, and volunteers whose hard work and collaboration created a welcoming event that

brought so many people together to observe this important event in American history."

The annual event continues to serve as a meaningful opportunity for residents, community organizations, local businesses, and visitors to come together in a welcoming environment that honors history, celebrates culture, and strengthens community connections.

Additional support for the event was provided by Hunter Wellness Center and Life Bridge Therapy.



Super Sunday Kickoff



Join the Jewish Federation of Cleveland for an all-day, community-wide fundraising event that celebrates everything that makes Jewish Cleveland special.

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Super Sunday Kickoff is Sunday, Aug. 30, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Jewish Federation of Cleveland, in the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Building, 25701 Science Park Dr. Register at jewishcleveland.org.



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America at 250: Beachwood Brings History to Life

By Rosemary Nemeth

On June 27, Beachwood Historical Society kicked off America's birthday celebration by presenting *Heroes Who Shaped America*. Famous American heroes Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, Madam C.J. Walker, Inez Milholland, Clarence Darrow, Ulysses S. Grant, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg were just a few of the special guests that made a visit that evening.

The actors were Beachwood residents who dressed in character and brought these historical figures to life. We learned so much from their presentations. Did you know that Mark Twain welcomed President Ulysses S. Grant – portrayed by Dr. George Vourlojanis – into his home and helped him write his memoirs while Grant was battling cancer and had run out of money?

Eleanor Roosevelt (aka Brenda Crawford) taught us, "Our obligation to the world is primarily an obligation to our future. You are a citizen, and a citizen carries responsibilities."

Clarence Darrow (aka Steve Morse), a famous Ohio lawyer, is best known for the Scopes Trial but was also known for defending labor unions and workers' rights.

Did you know that Paul Revere was not alone on his midnight ride? Meet Sybil Ludington, who

was only 16 years old when she rode through the forest to warn that the British were coming. Sybil (aka Gianna Kraus) shared the story of her dangerous ride, which made her a Revolutionary War heroine.

The Wright brothers (aka Michael and Jullan Kraus) introduced their sister, Katharine (aka Gina DeMart Kraus), who also played an important role in their early flights. They thanked Katharine for nursing her brothers back to health after their many crashes.

Inez Milholland (aka Ellen Winer) rode in the parade for women suffragists on a horse. Her final words were, "Mr. President, when will you give women the right to vote?" She was not only a woman suffragist, but a peace activist.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg (aka Harriet Siebert) walked into the room wearing her signature lace-collared judicial robe and

captured our attention with her gavel as she shared stories about her life and service as a U.S. Supreme Court justice.

Madam C.J. Walker (aka Kim Allamby, Beachwood Board of Education vice president) taught us about her journey to becoming the first self-made female millionaire in America. She shared, "If I have accomplished anything in life, it is because I have been willing to work hard." Her powerful words continue to resonate today.

State Rep. Eric Synenberg, who represents Ohio House District 21, became Alexander Hamilton. He sang along with the famous rap and shared how Hamilton helped design the nation's financial system and championed the creation of the country's first national bank.

America 250-Ohio regional outreach coordinator Michael Brennan shared stories about

Benjamin Franklin's many inventions, including bifocals, the lightning rod, and the Franklin stove. Franklin never accepted a penny for his inventions because he wanted them to benefit others. Michael also explained how to visit the America 250-Ohio website to learn more about a full year of events commemorating our country's 250th birthday.

Thank you to Wendy Leonard, who works in the music industry, for selecting pieces from the different eras to entertain us throughout the program. Thanks also to Rosemary and Jim Nemeth of the Beachwood Historical Society.

Be sure to visit www.america250-ohio.org to learn about other events taking place in celebration of our country's 250th birthday. God bless America, and God bless the citizens and leaders of the City of Beachwood.



Front row, from left: Ellen Winer as Inez Milholland; Brenda Crawford as Eleanor Roosevelt; Kim Allamby, vice president of the Beachwood Board of Education, as Madam C.J. Walker; Harriet Siebert as Ruth Bader Ginsburg; Julian Kraus as Wilbur Wright; and Gianna Kraus as Sybil Ludington. *Middle row, from left:* Steve Morse as Clarence Darrow; Rosemary Nemeth, president of the Beachwood Historical Society; and Gina DeMart as Katharine Wright. *Back row, from left:* Dr. George Vourlojanis as Ulysses S. Grant; Ohio State Rep. Eric Synenberg as Alexander Hamilton; Michael Brennan, America 250-Ohio outreach coordinator, as Benjamin Franklin; and Michael Kraus as Orville Wright.

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3 Birds and The Wire proudly presents *What's Love Got To Do With It*, a delightful musical journey through every crazy phase of love.

Featuring their signature, impeccably blended, three-part harmonies, The Birds bring you songs by The Beatles, Elvis, hits from Tony Award-winning shows like *Wicked*, *Just In Time*, and *Rent*, plus Springsteen, Aretha, The Mamas and The Papas, The Andrews Sisters, Linda Ronstadt, and so much more!

The 3 Birds – Dianne Palmer, Cindy Smith, and Debra Rose –

captivate with voices that shimmer together and soar individually. Supporting them is The Wire, a powerhouse ensemble featuring music director/arranger Mike Elkins on keyboard, Lovest Watson III on bass, Sonny Neal on drums, and Robert Hoffman on reeds.

This is a smile-filled show you won't want to miss!



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.

For upcoming programs, photos of past events, and more information, visit 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 or 216.789.3995.

NOMINATE NOW! NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED



The Gallery of Success, which began in 1985, takes place every three years and currently has 146 honorees.

Nominees must be **BEACHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES** whose accomplishments since high school make them outstanding role models for our students.

Nominees must exemplify leadership, service, humanitarianism, creativity, courage, and/or career contributions that have benefited others.

Nomination packets are due Friday, Oct. 30, 2026.
The induction ceremony will take place Friday, April 16, 2027.

For information and a nomination form, visit www.beachwoodschools.org/community-alumni/gallery-of-success

If you would like a form mailed to you, please contact:
Paula Zavell Rollins,
Gallery of Success Coordinator,
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Beachwood Chamber of Commerce Organizes Health & Wellness Summit

By Zoey Nahmmacher-Baum



New this year, the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Health and Wellness Summit to encourage the public to invest in the health of themselves and their community. The summit is designed to serve both businesses and individuals from a wide range of backgrounds, including but not limited to employers, healthcare and human resource professionals, caregivers, and families. Held on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the Beachwood Community Center, the summit is open to the public and free for all to attend.

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Guests can look forward to learning strategies for strengthening their mental health and workplace wellness from a variety of speakers and exhibitors. University Hospitals, MetroHealth, Akron Children's, and Cleveland Clinic are a few of the many organizations featured at the summit who will be providing resources and health education. In addition to partnering with the City of Beachwood, the Beachwood Chamber presents the summit in collaboration with the American Red Cross, who will be hosting its October Blood Drive at the event. By donating blood, summit participants can give back to

their community and tangibly promote the health of others.

"The Health and Wellness Summit reflects the Beachwood Chamber's commitment to supporting both our community's businesses and residents," said David Lapierre, executive director of the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce. "When local organizations come together to share knowledge, resources, and opportunities for healthier living, everyone benefits. We're proud to host an event that inspires wellness, builds community connections, and helps businesses invest in the health of their employees and our region."

Beachwood businesses are invited to sponsor the Health and Wellness Summit, which increases their visibility and aligns their company with wellness and growth. Interested companies should contact David at director@beachwood.org for more information.

The Health and Wellness Summit promises to be a great event for Beachwood businesses and residents alike. Additional

details about speakers and registration information will be coming soon to beachwood.org.

"When local organizations come together to share resources and support healthier living, everyone benefits."

*— David Lapierre,
BCC Executive Director*

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Gardening

By Jennifer Stern

Gardening brings joy. Pure, unadulterated happiness. Gardening is faith, hope, and trust in action. It is the acknowledgement of something greater than ourselves.

When I am in the garden I am fully present. My mind is clear of stressors and intrusive thoughts. I find true respite in the dirt. Serenity in the colors. Calm in the fresh air.

There is something spiritual about releasing seeds into cultivated soil and believing in their potential – their ability to germinate, take root, and grow through darkness until they ultimately find strength in the light.

Accepting that this process happens outside of my control – that seeds grow in their own way and in their own time – is a centering reminder to focus

my energy on what I can control, while still holding faith and hope in what I cannot.

Much like parenting, all I can do is tend, nurture, and provide the best possible environment to foster and support growth.

My daily ritual of waking and walking outside with the anticipation of noticing small changes – signs of growth – is an optimistic way to begin my day. I savor this quiet time tending to my flower and vegetable gardens. Celebrating new blooms and growth – and eventually

my ability to harvest – is meaningful and gratifying in ways that truly enrich my life.

Perhaps this is why I find such peace in my favorite poem, *The Gardener*, by Mary Oliver:

“Have I lived enough?

Have I loved enough?

Have I considered Right Action enough, have I come to any conclusion?

Have I experienced happiness with sufficient gratitude?

Have I endured loneliness with grace?

I say this, or perhaps I’m just thinking it.

Actually, I probably think too much.

Then I step out into the garden, where the gardener, who is said to be a simple man, is tending his children, the roses.”



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

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The Good, Bad, and Deadly

By State Senator Kent Smith

Within days of each other, CNBC proclaimed that, based on their rankings, Ohio was the top business-friendly state in the nation, while the Associated Press reported that more people in Ohio lost their health care coverage than in any other state.

First The Good

The CNBC business-friendly rating system gave Ohio high marks for its freeway system, its lack of a corporate income tax, and our flat income tax rate of 2.75%. In all candor, I think Ohio's tax policy is completely out of balance as it burdens those who have the least and has caused drastic underinvestment in critical human assets.

Now The Bad

But Ohio does not score well in all 10 of the CNBC categories. We got a D ranking in Workforce because, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, only 19% of Ohio adults have earned a bachelor's degree or higher.

Ohio also only has a C+ ranking for Education because of our high average class size and inconsistent K-12 and higher education funding.

Finally, The Deadly

The argument that formed the foundation for expanded government support of health care coverage was simple: "People should not go broke if they get sick, and people should not die from treatable illness because they don't have health insurance."

While initially politically toxic, the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) is now more popular than ever. Nonetheless, Trump's tax bill eliminated ACA health insurance marketplace subsidies at the end of 2025,

which had existed to help pay for health care coverage. Health insurance marketplaces are a source of coverage for people whose income is too high for Medicaid, but don't have access to affordable insurance through their employer.

The AP reported that, in 2026, Ohio saw the biggest drop in enrollment in health plans under the Affordable Care Act.

Marketplace enrollment in Ohio fell by 161,000 people from the previous year, a 32.4% decrease. Even among Ohioans who selected a plan for 2026, many are now losing coverage after missing premium payments.

The current affordability crisis is not exclusive to health

care. The common thread seems to be that many of the things increasing in price offer consumers little or no choice. Housing, utilities, health insurance, and gasoline are not expenses people can easily avoid or meaningfully shop around for. Hopefully, our business-friendly state can figure out a way to hire our 161,000 Ohio friends and provide them health insurance.

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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The Mayor's Message Connecting Our Community

Dear Beachwood Residents & Businesses,

August has always been a strong reminder of what makes Beachwood such a special place to call home. As families enjoy the final weeks of summer and prepare for a new school year, our Community Services Department continues to create opportunities for residents of every age to learn, connect, and make memories.

One of the department's greatest strengths is its ability to offer meaningful programming throughout every stage of life. From our youngest residents to our most senior community members, there is truly something for everyone.

Each summer, our Beachwood Summer Camp programs reach 100% capacity, a testament to both their popularity and the outstanding staff who make them possible. Our Safety Town program helps prepare young children with the confidence and skills they need to safely walk or ride their bikes to school and navigate our neighborhoods. Families have also embraced our Playground Pop-Ups, where surprise visits featuring music, games, cookie decorating, dirt cup making, and other themed activities have transformed ordinary afternoons into unforgettable experiences.

Our Community Services team has also found new ways to engage one of the most challenging age groups to reach—our teenagers. Teen Nights at the courts continue to grow in popularity, offering young people a fun, safe place to gather and enjoy pickleball, cornhole, gaga ball, sand volleyball, live DJ music, and time with friends. It is exciting to see these events building momentum and strengthening connections among Beachwood's youth.

Community programming extends well beyond the summer months. Beachwood Bingo Nights quickly became a favorite tradition, drawing more than 800 participants last year. These evenings bring together grandparents, parents, children, friends, and neighbors for a fun night of laughter and friendly competition. Thanks to the overwhelming response, we are

expanding the series with additional bingo nights this year.

Our commitment to active living and lifelong learning continues with our 55 and better programming. Monthly senior luncheons continue to welcome growing numbers of participants, while the addition of the ReNew Active insurance-sponsored fitness program has expanded access to wellness classes that now operate near capacity. We are also excited to once again offer overnight travel opportunities, with our upcoming Niagara-on-the-Lake trip exceeding the required enrollment and becoming Beachwood's first senior overnight excursion since the pandemic.

Later this month, I hope many of you will join us for our Senior Picnic on Monday, Aug. 31, at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center patio. In addition to celebrating our senior community, we will recognize our newest group of 50-year residents whose long-standing commitment has helped shape the welcoming community we enjoy today.

I would like to thank our outstanding Community Services team for their creativity, passion, and year-round dedication to enriching the lives of Beachwood residents. I encourage residents of all ages to take advantage of everything our Community Services Department offers. I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events as we continue building a stronger, more connected Beachwood together.

Sincerely,



Mayor Justin Berns

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Conversations That Connect: Coffee with a Council Member

Beachwood's first Coffee with a Council Member brought residents together for a relaxed and productive morning of conversation over coffee at Nervous Dog Coffee Bar.

More than a dozen residents attended the inaugural event on June 28, meeting with City Council President Danielle Shoykhet and Council Member Alex Jacobs to ask questions, share ideas, and discuss topics important to the community. Conversations covered a wide range of issues, including public safety, traffic enforcement, environmental stewardship, the Fairmount Temple property, future community programming, and neighborhood improvements.

The informal format encouraged open dialogue and meaningful conversations between residents, elected officials, and city staff, reinforcing City Council's commitment to transparency, accessibility, and community engagement.

Following the success of the first event, Beachwood City Council invites residents to join the next Coffee with a Council Member on Sunday, Aug. 16, from 10:00–11:00 a.m. at Nervous Dog Coffee Bar in La Place Shopping Center. Council Members Alec Isaacson and Ali Stern will host the discussion and welcome residents to stop by, enjoy a cup of coffee, ask questions, share ideas, or simply learn more about what's happening in the community.



STAY ENGAGED IN YOUR COMMUNITY:



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

Beachwood Connect: Why Do Some City Laws Require Three Readings—While Others Don't?



Beachwood Connect is an educational initiative designed to help residents better understand how their local government works by answering common questions about services, operations, and procedures.

Residents may have noticed that some City Council legislation is considered over three meetings, while other items are approved the same evening they're introduced. Why are there different methods to approve legislation? The answer lies in the Beachwood City Charter.

In most cases, ordinances and resolutions are presented over three separate Council meetings, giving Council members time to review proposals and providing residents with an opportunity to learn about pending legislation before final action is taken. However, under certain circumstances, the Charter allows Council to suspend this requirement and act more quickly.

Learn why the three-reading rule exists, when it can be waived, and how legislation becomes law by reading the full article on BeachwoodOhio.com/Connect.



Left to right: June E. Taylor, Alec Isaacson, Danielle Shoykhet (President), Mayor Justin Berns, Jillian DeLong (Vice President), Alexandra Jacobs, Ali B. Stern, Pete Smith

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
Aug. 10 at 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
Aug. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Architectural Board of Review:
Aug. 3 at 4:30 p.m.
Aug. 17 at 4:30 p.m.

Work - Live - Learn - Thrive

Beachwood's Juneteenth Community Celebration Continues to Grow

Beautiful weather and a record turnout helped make Beachwood's 2026 Juneteenth Community Celebration one of the city's most successful yet. More than 1,000 residents and guests gathered on June 19 to celebrate freedom, unity, and African American culture during one of Beachwood's signature community events.

Attendees enjoyed entertainment, explored booths featuring local African American-owned businesses and community organizations, learned about the history and significance of Juneteenth, and sampled a variety of offerings from local food vendors. The event continues to grow each year, bringing together residents of all ages for an evening of education, reflection, and celebration.

A special thanks to the Beachwood City School District and the district's African American Affinity Group for their partnership in hosting this annual event. The city also thanks Crestmont Automotive as a presenting sponsor and Hunter Wellness Center and Life Bridge Therapy for being supporting sponsors. For a full recap of the Juneteenth Community Celebration, see page 16.



Mayor Berns, honoring Bison Girls Track team.
Event photography by Discovery Photo.



Roller skating at Juneteenth.

A poster for National Night Out 2026. It features a large, stylized "NNO" logo with a star in the center. Below the logo are three circular images: a child in a go-kart, a police officer with a dog, and a police officer with a child. The text "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" is at the top, "2026" is in the star, and "TUESDAY, AUG. 4, 5-7 PM" and "BEACHWOOD CITY HALL" are in large blue letters. Below that is the address "ADDRESS: 25325 FAIRMOUNT BLVD." and a red banner with "CELEBRATING POLICE & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS" and "EMERGENCY VEHICLES ★ K-9 UNIT ★ ACTIVITIES" and "FOOD TRUCKS ★ ENTERTAINMENT". At the bottom are logos for Beachwood, the City of Beachwood, and the website "BeachwoodOhio.com".

City Signage Project to Begin in August

Residents will begin seeing a new look at several city facilities this August as the first phase of Beachwood's community signage replacement project gets underway.

New signs will be installed at the Beachwood Municipal Center campus—including City Hall, the Beachwood Community Center, and Fire Station No. 1, City Park East, and Gorden Gateway Park, where permanent signage will replace the temporary signs installed following the park's renaming.

As part of the project, the City Park East sign will also be rotated 90 degrees to improve visibility for those traveling along Richmond Road.

The updated signage will create a more consistent visual identity across city facilities by incorporating design elements from the city's changeable message sign at Richmond Road and Fairmount Boulevard, including integrated lighting to improve nighttime visibility. Many of the existing signs being replaced have served the community for more than 30 years.

City Council approved funding for the project during its April 20 meeting. Additional city facilities will receive updated signage during future phases of the project.



Commemorating 250 Years

In celebration of America's 250th anniversary, Beachwood unveiled a new commemorative design on the City Hall lawn along Richmond Road to recognize this historic milestone. The display serves as a tribute to the nation's semiquincentennial while offering residents and visitors a colorful reminder of this significant moment in American history.

The project was brought to life through a collaborative effort among Beachwood Community Services, the IT Department, and Beachwood Public Works. From planning and design to installation, staff from multiple departments worked together to create a display that reflects both civic pride and community spirit.



Help Shape Deer Management Efforts



Beachwood residents are encouraged to participate in the 2026 Annual Deer Management Survey, administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The survey takes just five minutes to

complete and includes Beachwood-specific questions that will help guide future local deer management discussions and decisions.

The survey is open through Aug. 31. Your participation will help ensure future deer management decisions reflect the priorities of our city.

Take the survey today at tinyurl.com/ODNR-DeerSurvey. Only two responses per home.



Binny's Core Four

Binny says: Know what goes in your recycling bin! Here are the four main categories of items that belong in your recycling cart:

- Cans – Empty and rinse.
- Glass Bottles & Jars – Empty and rinse.
- Paper & Cardboard – Flatten cardboard boxes to save space.
- Plastic Bottles & Jugs – Empty, rinse, and replace the cap.

Binny's Bottom Line:

Stick to these everyday recyclables, and you'll help keep Beachwood's recycling program clean, efficient, and sustainable!



Firefighters Sharpen Skills

The Beachwood Fire Department recently completed hands-on vehicle extrication training to ensure firefighters and paramedics are prepared to respond quickly and safely in the event of serious crashes.

During the training, firefighters practiced stabilizing damaged vehicles, managing vehicle power sources, and using hydraulic rescue equipment — including the Jaws of Life — to safely free occupants trapped inside. Crews also conducted 360-degree scene evaluations focused on patient protection and refined advanced extrication techniques such as dash rolls, roof removals, and total sidewall removals. This hands-on training helps firefighters maintain the skills needed to perform complex rescues under challenging conditions.

The Beachwood Fire Department extends its thanks to Interstate Towing for providing the vehicles used during this training exercise.



Brush Removal

The city collects brush on a continuous neighborhood route, so no pickup request is necessary. Once brush is placed at the curb, crews will collect it as they reach your street. Following major storms or during heavy spring and fall trimming seasons, collection may take longer, but additional crews are assigned as needed.

Thank you for helping keep Beachwood beautiful!

Brush Collection Guidelines:

- Branches: maximum 6-foot long
- Logs: max 3-foot long and 35 pounds
- Stack neat, manageable piles parallel to the street on the tree lawn or near the curb
- Keep piles a few feet away from mailboxes, hydrants, trees, poles, signs, fences, and other obstacles
- Separate logs from branches/brush
- Do not place brush on tarps or mix with other garbage and waste

August Recreation Guide



CITY OF BEACHWOOD
family aquatic center

DOG PADDLE
Summer's Final Pool Pawty

SEPTEMBER 10
Beachwood Family Aquatic Center

Time Slots:
4:00-5:30 PM
5:45-7:15 PM

Cost: \$8/dog

Pre-registration begins August 10.
Residents only. No sales at the gate. No human swimming.

Pre-Registration Only!
Limited Availability.

Benefiting the Barkwood Fund!

CITY OF Beachwood Register: BeachwoodRec.com



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Senior PICNIC

Includes recognition for 50-year city residents!

FOOD • YARD GAMES • MUSIC

Monday, August 31, 11:30 AM
Beachwood Family Aquatic Center

PICNIC MENU •
BBQ Pulled Chicken or Portabella Mushroom
Served with a side, drink, & dessert

REGISTRATION •
Residents \$8
Non-Residents \$10
Held on the shaded patio

Sign Up! BeachwoodRec.com
Questions? Call us at 216.292.1970.

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BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:

Happy 250th Birthday USA | Aug. 27 - Oct. 12 | Reception: Thursday, Aug. 27, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
An upbeat, colorful celebration of our nation's semiquincentennial by YouthAbility, JFSA of Cleveland.

Today's Campers, Tomorrow's Stars

After weeks of rehearsals, creativity, teamwork, and plenty of fun, campers from the Beachwood & Shaker Heights Theater Camp took the stage on July 8 for a memorable performance that showcased their hard work and talent. From first-time performers to seasoned stars, every camper played an important role in bringing the production to life.



"I couldn't be prouder of our campers," said Director Julie Matthews. "Watching them grow in confidence, support one another, and shine on stage has been incredibly rewarding. Their dedication and enthusiasm made this year's performance truly special."

Congratulations to our talented cast, dedicated counselors, and supportive families for making this year's Theater Camp another outstanding success!



Wellness Instructor Spotlight: Erin Howle & Julie Konrad

Whether you're looking to reduce stress, improve your fitness, or simply try something new, Erin Howle and Julie Konrad are here to help you feel your best. Look for their programs in the Fall Recreation Guide, available this August.



Erin Howle, the energy and heart behind Oz Under the Moon: Sound and Energy Healing, brings a new monthly Sound Bathing class to Beachwood this fall. A Sound Alchemist and Seichem Reiki Master Practitioner/Teacher, Erin blends sound, meditation, and energy work to create immersive experiences that promote deep relaxation and mindfulness. Guided by soothing singing bowls and visualization, her classes offer participants a chance to slow down, recharge, and reconnect. Erin's welcoming approach and passion for helping others make this a unique addition to Beachwood's wellness offerings.

"I'm looking forward to bringing authenticity, compassion, a sense of magic and wonder to all our participants at the Beachwood Community Center," expressed Erin.



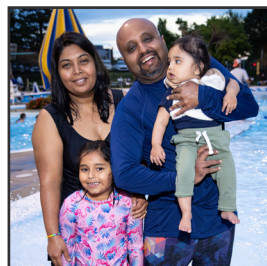
Julie Konrad, owner of Cleveland Ayurveda, brings more than 20 years of experience in yoga, meditation, Ayurveda, and senior fitness. A certified Ayurvedic Health Counselor and veteran wellness instructor, Julie is passionate about making movement fun while helping participants build confidence, strength, and meaningful connections. Whether leading

a SilverSneakers class or the new Brain & Body Boost program, she creates an encouraging environment where everyone feels supported and inspired to keep moving.

"Seniors are capable of much more than they may feel at first," said Julie. "They come out even on the coldest, iciest days of winter, to the hottest days of summer! Our Beachwood seniors are tough! I'm thrilled to be a part of this community."

Summer Snapshot: Community Events

Take a look back at some of the smiles and celebrations that brought our community together. Find the latest events at BeachwoodRec.com or follow [@BeachwoodOHRec](https://www.facebook.com/BeachwoodOHRec) on Facebook.



BFAC Pool Party Night



Teen Night at the Courts



Beachwood Bingo Night



BFAC Pool Party Night

Outdoor

FREE

MOVIE

Nights

AUG. 23, 5 PM

Zootopia 2

Beachwood High School

After the Back-to-School Celebration

Beachwood Seniors

• Brain & Body Boosts with Julie Konrad

Mondays, 9:00 a.m. & Fridays, 10:30 a.m., Community Center

Energizing movements to work your muscles combined with neurobics to engage your brain and memory. You never know what is coming next! Class punch passes available, just \$46 for 10 classes.

• Rock Around The Griddle - Grandparents' Diner Night

Monday, Sept. 14, 5:00 p.m., Community Center

Rock around the griddle with your kids and grandkids at this 1950s-themed pancake dinner! Enjoy delicious pancakes, a DJ, diner-style atmosphere, fun contests, and more. Adults are \$15, while seniors and youth (17 & under) are \$12 each. Sponsored by Cornerstone Caregiving.

August Meet & Eat

The Eddie Majeski Quartet

Thursday, Aug. 20, Noon, Community Center

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

The Eddie Majeski Quartet is a Cleveland-area jazz ensemble led by pianist and vocalist Eddie Majeski. The quartet creates an inviting live atmosphere that showcases Eddie's rich baritone voice and eclectic repertoire rooted in jazz tradition.

Meal choices include cheeseburger, hot dog or grilled eggplant. All entrees served with coleslaw, chips, beverage and dessert. Gluten-free option available

Sponsored by Cornerstone Caregiving.

Sign up at BeachwoodRec.com or call 216-292-1970 by Aug. 13.

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Grand Openings: Signature Health & Crunch Fitness

Beachwood continues to grow with the addition of two new businesses focused on health, wellness, and quality of life. Join us in welcoming Signature Health and Crunch Fitness to the community.

Signature Health

The City of Beachwood is pleased to welcome Signature Health to its new Beachwood Health Center, located at 24200 Chagrin Blvd. Signature Health's commitment to revitalizing an existing Beachwood office building supports their future growth as a top employer while expanding access to high-quality primary care, behavioral health, and other essential services.

Crunch Fitness

Beachwood also welcomes Crunch Fitness to its new location at 24295 Chagrin Blvd. in the Pavilion Shopping Center. Known for its inclusive and supportive approach to fitness, Crunch Fitness provides a welcoming environment where people of all fitness levels can pursue healthier, more active lifestyles.



Signature Health ribbon cutting ceremony



Crunch Fitness ribbon cutting ceremony

Streaming Resources for Business Growth

The city has introduced new streaming content featuring its One Stop Business Resource Center, giving companies an inside look at financial assistance, networking opportunities, talent acquisition tools, and flexible space solutions available at every stage of growth — from coworking to executive level offices.

The center's mission is to simplify access to business support, strengthen economic vitality, and position Beachwood as a premier business destination.

Businesses looking for personalized guidance are encouraged to contact the city's Economic Development Department at 216.292.1915 to schedule a meeting. You can explore the latest episodes of the Beachwood Business Compass podcast and blog at BeachwoodOhio.com.



City Expands Business Incentives to Drive Growth

The City of Beachwood is creating new opportunities for business investment by expanding its Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Tax Abatement Program. Identified as a priority in the city's Economic Development Action Plan, the program encourages commercial redevelopment, supports property improvements, and helps attract businesses that contribute to Beachwood's success.

With the expansion, qualifying commercial projects in designated areas, now including Chagrin Highlands through the expanded program, may be eligible for a 75% property tax abatement for up to 15 years. This enhanced incentive strengthens Beachwood's competitiveness in attracting new investment while encouraging reinvestment in existing commercial properties.

The impact extends beyond businesses by helping create jobs, enhance local amenities, modernize key properties, and strengthen the city's long-term tax base. Through strategic economic development initiatives like the CRA program, Beachwood continues to build a thriving community for businesses, residents, and visitors.

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@BarkwoodDogPark

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Beachwood Schools Foundation: Growing Opportunities for the Next Generation

by Shana Wallenstein, BSF President

The Beachwood Schools Foundation continues to play an important role in expanding opportunities for Beachwood students by supporting programs, scholarships, and initiatives that enrich learning and help students prepare for the future. Through the generosity, involvement, and shared commitment of alumni, families, educators, businesses, and community members, the Foundation is able to invest in ideas and opportunities that make a lasting difference.

As the Foundation grows, so do the ways our community can become involved. From creating scholarships that reflect personal values and honor meaningful legacies to supporting special events and serving in a volunteer leadership role, each contribution helps strengthen educational opportunities for current and future generations of Beachwood students. We are excited to share several new developments and invite the community to help shape what comes next.

Two New Scholarship Funds

This spring, the Foundation celebrated the creation of two new endowed scholarship funds. The first, established by Char and Sol Factor, will honor their family's commitment to Beachwood students. Details of the scholarship are still being finalized, and we look forward to sharing more in the coming months.

The second, the Gopal B. Saha and Sipra Saha Senior Award, was made possible through a generous gift from Dr. Gopal Saha. Beginning with the Class of 2027, this renewable scholarship will support graduating seniors pursuing higher education while recognizing both academic achievement and financial need.

As our scholarship program continues to grow, so does the need. The Foundation is currently seeking donors interested in establishing two additional endowed scholarships focused on student leadership and entrepreneurship – areas that reflect Beachwood's tradition of developing thoughtful leaders and innovative problem-solvers. If you've ever considered creating a lasting legacy for Beachwood students, we'd love to start that conversation. The Foundation works with families to design scholarships that reflect their values and passions.

Save the Date:

Boos, Brunch & Bingo

Mark your calendars for the second annual Boos, Brunch & Bingo, taking place Sunday, Oct. 25, at the Cleveland Marriott East. Last year's inaugural event brought together alumni, parents, educators, and community members for a fun-filled morning supporting Beachwood students, and this year's event promises even more excitement.

Additional event details, sponsorship opportunities, and ticket information will be announced soon.

Join Our Board

The Foundation is also recruiting new volunteer board members who are passionate about supporting educational excellence in Beachwood. Whether your experience is in finance, fundraising, marketing, community engagement, or simply a desire to give back, we'd love to hear from you.

Please email us the following information at beachwoodschoolsfoundation@gmail.com and we will be in touch:

- Tell us about yourself and your relationship to the Beachwood Schools.
- Why do you want to join the Foundation?
- Do you have a specific skill you think would be valuable to the Board?

Together, we can continue creating opportunities that help Beachwood students thrive for generations to come.

To discuss a scholarship in your name, learn how you can sponsor the event, or share your interest in joining the board, please contact Shana Wallenstein, BSF president, at beachwoodschoolsfoundation@gmail.com or 216.403.9222.



Together, we can continue
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Beachwood student
thrive for generations to come.



BSF awards student scholarships each year based on service, character, academic achievements, career interest, and more. These scholarships are awarded at the Senior Awards Ceremony.

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Sixth Grade Camp Creates Memories and Educational Experiences

Each year, sixth grade students from Beachwood Middle Schools spend three days at Hiram House Camp participating in hands-on activities designed to strengthen teamwork, problem-solving, and community. From canoeing and survival challenges to escape rooms and engineering activities, the camp gives students opportunities to learn and grow outside the traditional classroom setting. This year's sixth graders attended camp in early May.

"Sixth grade camp is an important part of the students' school year because it serves as a capstone event," said sixth grade science teacher and sixth grade team lead Robb Ristau. "Besides the goal of strengthening peer relationships, students get to work together to solve problems, build confidence, and participate in experiential learning."

Planning for an experience of this size begins months in advance. Ristau notes that the sixth grade teaching team starts organizing many elements of the camp in the fall before ramping up preparations in February. Parent information nights, student presentations, and ongoing coordination meetings with Hiram House staff all help ensure the trip runs smoothly.

"Planning for the camp is a big undertaking by our sixth grade team of teachers," Ristau said. "Once February hits, many aspects of planning for the three-day field trip in May must be started."



The wide variety of camp activities allows students with different interests and strengths to shine. Activities such as Engineering Challenge, Escape Room, and Orienteering connect to concepts students have explored throughout the school year, while activities like canoeing and survival challenges encourage teamwork and communication.

"We design camp to have a wide-reaching variety of activities for the students to experience," Ristau said. "This year's camp theme of 'Kindness' was part of every activity in the hopes of fostering positive peer interactions and relationships."

This year also marked the debut of an inaugural Family Night, which welcomed families to experience camp alongside students. More than 80 families attended the evening event, participating in activities before gathering together for a bonfire, flag retirement ceremony, and s'mores.

"Our first Family Night was a big success," Ristau said. "It was a tremendous way to bring the sixth grade class community together."

For many students, the memories made at camp last far beyond sixth grade. The shared experiences help students form stronger relationships with classmates and teachers while developing greater independence and self-confidence.

"Throughout the 18 years the sixth grade has been coming out to Hiram House Camp, most students point to this experience as a core memory of sixth grade," Ristau said. "The extra time spent together outside of the classroom alongside classmates, friends, and teachers helps students build stronger relationships, develop independence and confidence, and create memories that stay with them long after they leave middle school."



EVENTS CALENDAR



Hilltop New to District Family Orientation

August 12, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Hilltop School, 24524 Hilltop Dr.

Bryden New to District Family Orientation

August 13, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Bryden School, 25252 Letchworth Dr.

Back-to-School Event

August 23, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Beachwood High School, 25100 Fairmount Blvd.



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Destination Imagination Teams Perform at Globals

Several Beachwood Schools Destination Imagination (DI) teams had a memorable and successful experience at this year's Destination Imagination Global Tournament in Kansas City from May 21-24. The four teams showcased their skills at Globals after months of hard work, creativity, and determination.

"All of our students represented the District with honor and respect," advisor Tara Warner said. "We are all very grateful for the amazing support that helped our teams shine."

Team results from Globals are listed below.



O.A.T.S.

2nd place, Middle Level Improvisation

Team members include Oscar Liang, Tanishka Singh, Athena Yu, and Sophia Wang. This team of eighth graders has worked together for many years and has qualified for the Global tournament multiple times.

the PUPPETeers

5th place, Elementary Level Improvisation

Team members include Jacob Hott, Geoffrey Lane, Iris Liu, Ashvik Singh, Hansen Zhang, and Johnny Zhai. After most team members qualified and competed at Globals last year, they returned this year with a goal of earning a top-10 finish.

The Smartsters

17th place, Elementary Level Improvisation

Team members include George Vaughn, Melody Wang, Bodhi Julka, and Ella Zhu. This fourth grade team made its first appearance at the Global Tournament and delivered a strong performance.

Party Penguins 2.0

18th place, Elementary Level Improvisation

Team members include Niki Karimi, Mishika Kasliwal, Cailynn Loyd, Ronak Seth, Khushi Upadhyaya, Kedar Viswanath, and Zeiv Wolach. This fifth grade team was making their first appearance at Globals and had a successful showing.

Beachwood Schools congratulates all of its Destination Imagination participants, coaches, and families on an outstanding season.

Robin Ludwig Named Director of Special Education



Beachwood Schools is pleased to announce the appointment of Robin Ludwig as the district's new Director of Special Education. In this role, Ludwig will oversee the coordination of the district's special education and related services programs.

"It is a privilege to be selected as Director of Special Education for this thriving community," Ludwig said. "I am most excited to be surrounded by professionals, parents and community stakeholders who share common high standards for all students. I look forward to establishing valuable relationships with the families of Beachwood."

Ludwig has more than 20 years of experience in special education leadership. Most recently, she served as the Coordinator of Behavior Intervention Services for Woodridge Local Schools since 2022, where she led district-wide functional behavior assessments and behavior intervention planning. Prior to Woodridge, Ludwig spent 12 years as Director of Intensive Needs Programming at the Geauga County Educational Service Center/ESC of the Western Reserve.

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS



Recent Resolutions

- Appointment of Dr. Jennifer Polak as Director of Pupil Services & Human Resources
- Approved calendars for 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 school years
- Certification of the 2026 Beachwood High School graduates

Upcoming Board Actions

- Approve 2026-2027 bus routes
- Recognition of Seal of Biliteracy students
- Presentation of Comprehensive School Counseling Plan

Board Meeting Calendar

- August 10 @ 7:00 p.m.
- August 24 @ 7:00 p.m.



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Spring Sports Recap

From championship performances to outstanding individual achievements, Beachwood student-athletes had an incredible spring season. Across the fields, track, and courts, the teams demonstrated hard work and dedication while competing at a high level and representing the Beachwood community with pride.

Girls Track and Field

The Bison made history by winning the third state title in program history (*see cover story for more details*). The team had strong performances throughout the season, winning its fourth straight Chagrin Valley Conference title with 13 first team and six second team all-conference honors. Beachwood continued its postseason success by winning the district title and advancing 13 athletes to the regional meet, where the Bison finished as team runner-up. The season culminated with the state championship performance.



Boys Track and Field

The Bison finished tied for 25th place at the OHSA Division III State Championships in Columbus. Luke Warner had the highest finish with a fourth place showing in the 200-meter dash with a school record time of 22.00. Peter Adobamen clocked a school record 1:53.55 in the 800-meter run to place fifth, and also teamed with Highley Devine, Tristan Brown, and Braylon Moultrie to post an eighth place finish in the 4x400-meter relay. The team had nine individuals earn All-CVC honors, while seven earned all-district accolades.



Softball

The softball squad wrapped up the season by placing third in the CVC with a 4-3 mark. Lily Grover and Allie Rindsberg were first team All-CVC selections, while Amaya Brown and Alison Stephens were named to the second team, and Mattie Spaller and Ela Sasmaz garnered honorable mention accolades. The program also hosted the inaugural Assembly in the Park, playing a game in front of the entire student body and also featuring the Spirit Squad, band, food, activities, and giveaways during an 11-1 win over Hawken.



Baseball

The Bison went 15-8 overall and were CVC co-champions with an 8-1 record. Five players - Gavi Lappen, Nico Medina, Highley Devine, Ethan Malek, and Caleb White - were named to the all-league first team, while Henry Strean and Eli Ward garnered second team honors. Lappen received first team all-district selection after winning six games and posted a 1.34 ERA. Devine and Lappen were named first team all-district and Malek was chosen as CVC MVP and honorable mention all-district. Coach Matt Lamovec was named the CVC Coach of the Year.



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New Sports Debut

This spring Bison Athletics added two of the fastest growing sports to its department. Boys Volleyball and Girls Flag Football made their debut this spring as club sports. Flag Football competed this season and ended the season with a winning record of 6-4 in their inaugural season with an astounding 26 players. Boys volleyball will look to kick off their interscholastic season in 2027.



Boys Tennis

The Bison posted a 6-6 record, including wins over Geneva, Perry, and Mentor to conclude the regular season, and placed fourth at the CVC tournament. The team was led by Yasha Cohen and Ari Synenberg who were both named honorable mention all-conference. David Hong, Ido Rub, Daniel Chen, Synenberg, and Joseph Mo all qualified for the district championships. The team's five district qualifiers were the most for the program in the past eight years.



Boosters Makes Donation for Fitness Facility

The Beachwood Athletic Boosters presented Beachwood Schools with a \$110,000 donation during the spring sports celebration on June 2. The donation went toward the district's new fitness facility at the high school. Scheduled to open in early September, the state-of-the-art facility will provide student-athletes with an exceptional space to train, develop physically and mentally, and compete at a high level. The Boosters' investment will have a lasting impact on generations of Beachwood students and help strengthen the future of Bison Athletics.



CVC Sportsmanship Awards

Beachwood High School seniors Sasha Kheyfets and Caleb Greenwood received Sportsmanship Awards at the Chagrin Valley Conference Sportsmanship Brunch. The annual event recognizes top senior student-athletes at each school in the conference who have excelled both in the classroom and in competition.

Kheyfets qualified for the OHSAA Cross Country State Championship in the fall and was also a regional qualifier in track. Greenwood captured his second straight OHSAA State Wrestling Championship this winter by winning the 157-pound bracket. He capped off his senior season with a 50-3 record. Both student-athletes received Honors Diplomas at this year's graduation ceremony.



Summer Shines at Beachwood Pool Party Nights

Beachwood Pool Party Nights, presented by Statement Nail & Wax Lounge, continue to connect generations with family-friendly, themed evenings at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center. These summer nights under the stars, which typically attract more than 250 residents, are offered monthly to members, residents, and their guests.

Attendees can make the most of summer with swimming under the lights, games, activities, a DJ, snack vendors, and more.

"What was once a new idea for an event has become a summer tradition that Beachwood families can look forward to," said Derek Schroeder, director of Beachwood Community Services. "We enjoy seeing all ages come together for an upbeat, fun evening at the pool."

For those looking to end the summer with a splash, the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center is hosting its final Pool Party Night of the season on Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 8 to 10 p.m., featuring a Beach Bash theme. Registration is available at BeachwoodRec.com or by calling 216.292.1970.





As families begin preparing for the new school year, there is much to consider beyond school supplies. New routines, academic goals, extracurricular activities, clothing, enrichment opportunities, and family schedules all become part of the planning process.

This special Back-to-School section highlights businesses and organizations that can help make the transition smoother, more meaningful, and more enjoyable. Whether you are looking for academic support, activities that build confidence and friendships, new clothing for the season, or opportunities that expand a student's perspective, these local resources offer valuable ways to support

children as they begin another year of learning and growth.

Back-to-school planning is also an opportunity to think about the experiences that help students thrive. Tutoring can reinforce skills and strengthen confidence. Dance and other creative activities encourage discipline, self-expression, and connection. Shopping for the new year can bring excitement and

help students feel prepared. Educational and cultural experiences can inspire curiosity and open doors to new possibilities.

As you make your plans, we encourage you to learn more about the businesses and organizations featured in these pages. Their programs, services, and special events are designed to support students and families throughout the school year.

Supporting these businesses also helps strengthen the broader community. Their involvement, expertise, and commitment contribute to the many opportunities available to local families.

We hope this section serves as a helpful starting point as you prepare for the year ahead. Here's to a successful school year filled with confidence, connection, growth and possibility.



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A Community Milestone: Rabbi Matthew Eisenberg Celebrates 30 Years of Leading Temple Israel Ner Tamid

Beachwood resident Rabbi Matthew Eisenberg, now celebrating his 30th anniversary leading Temple Israel Ner Tamid, reflected on living a life of service. Since junior high school, he has always valued kindness and concern for others. Inspired by his father, Rabbi Fred Eisenberg of blessed memory, Rabbi Matt said, "This is a beautiful way to make a life, not a living, and be of service to God, the Jewish people, and help others."

As a rabbinical student Rabbi Matt served congregations in Fairbanks, Alaska; Tennessee; and southern Ohio. After ordination in 1991, Rabbi Matt served at Congregation Beth Israel in Houston, Texas. He hoped to return home to Cleveland one day. Then, in 1996, when his father announced his retirement, Rabbi Matt returned to Cleveland and was handed the keys to the temple. While he never worked together full-time with his father, Rabbi Matt benefitted from the elder rabbi's Shabbat attendance, wisdom, and counsel.

The family connections to Temple Israel Ner Tamid don't stop there. Throughout these 30 years, Rabbi Matt has worked with his sister, cantorial soloist Rachel Eisenberg. She is also celebrating a milestone anniversary, having served the congregation since its founding 40 years ago.

"This congregation is a family congregation, which is different from the other congregations in town," Rabbi Matt explained. "Rachel has been here since the beginning and continues to help lead us.

"Working with Rachel is a joy," he added. "I can always count on her."

Many Proud Achievements

Rabbi Matt is proud of the many highlights Temple Israel Ner Tamid has experienced over the past 30 years. Among the first was being called to serve the Temple Israel congregation in July 1996, followed by the merger with Temple Ner Tamid in Euclid in the summer of 1997. "The people from Euclid brought energy and *yiddishkeit* (Jewish culture), and their Ner Tamid, the eternal light, now shines in our sanctuary," Rabbi Matt said. "We also recreated their religious school. They brought with them a profound sense of *tzedakah* (charity) and a commitment to helping others."

Charity Projects

A driving force for Rabbi Matt and his congregation is *tzedakah*. "There are always people in need of help – the poor, sick, ailing

– so you don't ever run out of people to help. It always makes me feel fulfilled."

Temple Israel Ner Tamid embraces the hard work of "repairing the world" (*tikkun olam* in Hebrew). In 2005, after Hurricane Katrina and just two weeks before Rosh Hashanah, the *tzedakah* committee, headed by Peter Freimark, filled and sent six semi-tractor trailers down to the Gulf Coast.

In 2008, the temple began a weekly Shabbat effort that continues today – to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the needy. Their "Peanut Butter & Judaism" van takes about 180 sandwiches to the homeless and to shelters each Friday night. They also collect clothing and food to help those in need. "It doesn't solve the whole problem, but it helps people suffer less," Rabbi Matt said.

Overall, Rabbi Matt is tremendously proud of this small congregation "for the amount of things we do of significance in helping the broader community, and supporting the Jewish people and State of Israel."

He is also very proud of expanding the temple's building during Covid, with room to hold more social activities, dedicated classrooms, and state of the art technology. It was dedicated in 2022 when his father was still alive.

And he is proud of having led several congregational trips to Israel, with another planned for December 2027.

Tuition-free Religious School

One of the most important achievements is providing tuition-free religious education since 2016 for members' children and grandchildren. "Life has many obstacles, and as a congregation we thought to try to remove an obstacle to Jewish religious education. I think we're the only congregation in town that does this. Our religious school is Zionist, *tzedakah*-centered, and focused on caring for one another, grateful to God for our blessings, and proudly Jewish."



Rabbi Matthew Eisenberg

Looking ahead

Rabbi Matt shared his outlook for the future: "We have an attitude of gratitude and are determined to remain a vibrant and proud Jewish congregation, not to be cowed by antisemitism. We love God, Torah, and Israel. We intend to continue to be a warm and welcoming place for people to gather socially, for worship and learning, and for doing *tzedakah* and acts of kindness."

About Rabbi Matthew Eisenberg

A native Clevelander and resident of Beachwood, Rabbi Matthew Eisenberg was ordained at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati in 1991. After serving congregations in Texas, Alaska, and Tennessee, he returned to Cleveland to lead Temple Israel Ner Tamid in 1996. He and his wife, Pat, reside in Beachwood. His son, Teddy; daughter-in-law, Chayla; and daughter, Maya, also live in the Cleveland area.

August 28-30 Temple Israel Ner Tamid

Milestone Celebration Weekend in honor of

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Hebrew Cultural Garden Takes Center Stage at One World Day

On Sunday, Aug. 30, Cleveland's Cultural Gardens will come alive with music, dance, food, storytelling, flags, and family-friendly celebrations as the 80th annual One World Day welcomes visitors from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., rain or shine.

This year's celebration holds special meaning for Jewish Cleveland. The Hebrew Cultural Garden will mark the 100th anniversary of its inception and will have the honor of being the first garden represented in the Parade of Flags.

Presented by the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation, One World Day has been a Cleveland tradition since 1945. The annual event showcases the cultures, traditions, and communities that help make Northeast Ohio vibrant and diverse. Approximately 50 ethnic groups are represented through the gardens, which stretch along Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and East Boulevard in Rockefeller Park.

The day begins at 11 a.m. with a naturalization ceremony for new U.S. citizens at Centennial Peace Plaza. The Parade of Flags begins at noon at the Ethiopian Cultural Garden, toward the south end of the gardens, and ends at the Lithuanian Cultural Garden. Immediately following the parade, guests are invited to gather at Centennial Peace Plaza for the opening ceremony and distinguished performances.

For those marching with the Hebrew Cultural Garden contingent, the day is both a celebration and a statement of community pride.

"One World Day showcases the diversity of Cleveland and gives us a beautiful opportunity to present Jewish Cleveland in a celebratory, welcoming setting," said Sheila Allenick, volunteer coordinator for the Hebrew Cultural Garden. "This year is especially meaningful because we are celebrating 100 years since the inception of the Hebrew Garden. To be first in the Parade of Flags during this anniversary year is a tremendous honor."

The Hebrew Cultural Garden is one of the oldest gardens in the Cleveland Cultural Gardens and has long stood as a tribute to Jewish heritage, culture, and contributions to the world. The Cultural Gardens feature tributes to poets, philosophers, peacemakers, composers, scientists, and leaders whose ideas and legacies have shaped history.

Sheila said the garden also reflects the dedication of volunteers who help preserve and care for it. "The Hebrew Garden is a place of history, beauty and

memory," she said. "It reminds us that Jewish culture is part of the larger story of Cleveland. We want people to walk through the garden, enjoy the music and activities, and feel that sense of connection."

Throughout the day, the Hebrew Cultural Garden will offer entertainment and activities in the garden. Food and drinks will be available from a variety of vendors throughout One World Day, and guests are encouraged to explore the many gardens, performances, and cultural experiences.

Last year, approximately 40,000 guests walked through the Cultural Gardens. This year's milestone celebration is expected to once again draw thousands of visitors, creating an opportunity to travel the world without leaving Cleveland.

One World Day is also the only day of the year when Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and East Boulevard along the Cultural Gardens are closed to traffic, allowing visitors to explore the gardens at a leisurely pace. Roads around the gardens will close at 10 a.m. Parking will be available at the VA hospital, with buses transporting participants to the parade starting point.

The Cleveland Cultural Gardens are among Northeast

Ohio's oldest and most beautiful treasures. There are 38 developed gardens, each designed and cultivated by distinct cultural or nationality groups, with 15 new gardens in development.

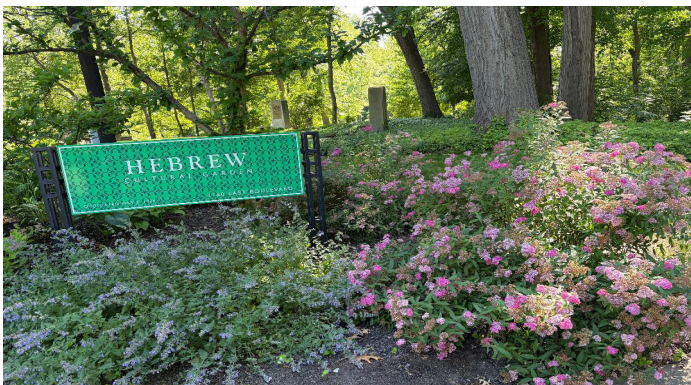
"The Hebrew Garden is a place of history, beauty and memory. It reminds us that Jewish culture is part of the larger story of Cleveland."

– Sheila Allenick,
Volunteer Coordinator

At its heart, One World Day is about more than one afternoon of celebration. It is about honoring heritage, building understanding, and recognizing the strength that comes when communities stand together.

For Jewish Cleveland, this year offers a powerful moment to celebrate a century of the Hebrew Cultural Garden and to share its beauty, history, and spirit with the broader community.

For more information, visit clevelandoneworldday.org. If you are interested in volunteering in the Hebrew garden or marching in the parade, call Sheila at 216. 407.6949.



The Hebrew Cultural Garden celebrates 100 years as a place of history, beauty, and Jewish heritage in Cleveland.



Words of Comfort for a Haunting Theme

After watching *Schindler's List* for the eighth time, Beachwood musician and producer Allan Licht felt a creative calling. Although the haunting theme, composed by John Williams and made unforgettable through Itzhak Perlman's violin, had moved him for years, this last time, something felt different.

"I felt that lyrics needed to be written," Allan said. "It came to me as a spur-of-the-moment inspiration. I wanted the words to come from the perspective of God speaking to His children, helping ease their fears as they faced almost certain death."

The result is *Come Into My Arms*, a deeply emotional lyric Allan wrote for the *Schindler's List* theme. His hope is that the words will one day be recognized and accepted as official lyrics to the composition, adding a vocal expression of comfort, faith, and remembrance to one of the most powerful pieces of film music ever written.

The opening words, "Come into my arms my children," set the tone for the piece, offering an image of

divine embrace, compassion, and peace in the face of unimaginable suffering.

For Allan, the lyrics are meant to deepen the emotions of the score. "I feel the lyrics add another emotional component to the music," he said. "The message is about comfort, love, and the promise that those who suffered were not alone."

The song was recorded at Breakthrough Sounds, Allan's studio in Beachwood, and engineered and mixed by Charles Pratt. Maria Eva Jacobs performs the vocals with sensitivity and grace, accompanied by background vocals from Cameron McLafferty. The recording was produced through ABL Records in 2026.

Allan said the project carries personal and spiritual meaning, especially at a time when Holocaust remembrance and Jewish identity continue to hold urgent importance.

The lyrics speak to loss, stolen years, generations that were never born, and the enduring hope that peace and love can surround those who suffered. They are written as a message of reassurance, that even in the darkest moments, there is a presence offering comfort.

Allan hopes the piece will resonate with listeners, orchestras, and those who continue to be moved by Williams' composition. If the lyrics are embraced, he would also like to release a version in Hebrew.

"My hope is that these words will one day be recognized as the official lyrics to the *Schindler's List* theme."

For now, "Come Into My Arms" stands as a heartfelt artistic offering from a Beachwood studio: a local musician's attempt to add words of comfort to a melody that has helped generations remember, mourn, and feel.

"It pretty much speaks for itself," Allan said. "My hope is that the importance of this message resonates with listeners."

To hear this heartfelt song, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ComeIntoMyArms>.



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Ponsky Facial Plastic Surgery Unveils New Office

Doubling space and adding advanced technology to serve a surge in patients seeking facial procedures

Ponsky Facial Plastic Surgery (3700 Park East Dr., #160) has unveiled a newly expanded office to allow for more appointments, less waiting, and a smoother experience from consultation to recovery, and introduces the latest medical technology. The sleek, modern space – supported by a growing team and brand-new offerings – reflects the rising demand for Dr. Diana Ponsky's expertise and the broader surge in aesthetic care nationwide.

According to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, more than 26 million cosmetic and reconstructive procedures were performed in the U.S. in 2022, a 19% increase since 2019, while the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery notes that minimally invasive treatments like Botox and fillers now account for 80% of procedures, with 90% of surgeons offering them regularly. In Northeast Ohio, demand for facial procedures has surged over 40% in the past five years, underscoring the importance of this expansion and positioning Ponsky Facial Plastic Surgery as one of the region's leading destinations for advanced, patient-focused care.

Innovation Meets Aesthetics

The office expansion brings new, unique offerings like express neuromodulator treatment. "Express Refresh" or "Refresh in 15" is a convenient, walk-in service that allows patients to book appointments, receive neurotoxin treatment in as little as 15 to 20 minutes, and get back to their busy schedules. Appointments can be easily booked online or by phone. This service is built for the busy professional, or the professional who finds unexpected gaps in their day.

The new expansion also includes a wealth of new technology, including the capability to perform Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP) and Platelet-Rich Fibrin (PRF) treatments. Simply put, PRP allows you to harness your body's own healing power to improve skin quality, restore thinning hair, and support natural rejuvenation! Similarly, PRF treatments enhance platelets with a fibrin matrix to make more natural, longer-lasting fillers.

Another new addition to the Ponsky Facial Plastic Surgery repertoire is the Sciton Laser, which allows us to reverse years of sun damage and aging with one of the most advanced skin rejuvenation platforms available.

The expansion to the office allows for other new offerings as well, like Red Light Therapy Treatments and Group Neuromodulator appointments. The latest additions to Ponsky Facial Plastic Surgery's catalog of

treatments help to underscore Dr. Ponsky's mission of providing top-of-the-line, natural results. For a full list of Ponsky Facial Plastic Surgery's offerings, visit the website at <https://drdianaponsky.com/>.

Expansion Meets Excellence

Ponsky Facial Plastic Surgery recently introduced a brand-new medical spa membership offering, allowing patients to easily maintain results and make professional skincare and aesthetic treatments part of their routine. Providers customize treatment plans for every member, ensuring every patient receives natural, balanced, refreshed-looking results.

Member perks include:

- Exclusive member pricing on aesthetic treatments
- Savings on Botox, fillers, lasers, facials, and skincare
- Monthly treatment credits and rewards
- VIP access to special events and promotions
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Additionally, Ponsky Facial Plastic Surgery has expanded the office with four new exam rooms and larger consultation, photography, and lab spaces, creating room for advanced technology and enhanced patient care. The dedicated photography suite allows the team to provide every patient with a customized 3D preview of potential results, offering a clear and personalized look at what surgery can achieve.

Growing the Team, Elevating the Care

The office space isn't the only part of Ponsky Facial Plastic Surgery that has grown, as the practice recently added board certified head and neck surgeon Dr. Eve Tranchito, specializing in facial aesthetics. Dr. Tranchito first gained interest in plastic surgery when she served as a mentee under Dr. Ponsky. In a full circle moment, she now returns to the very practice where her medical journey first began. The

incredibly skilled young surgeon adds to the wealth of talent and experience offered at Ponsky Facial Plastic Surgery.

Dr. Tranchito completed residency at Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals, followed by an advanced facial plastic surgery fellowship at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Her return expands patient access while maintaining the practice's commitment to natural, sophisticated facial rejuvenation. The added expertise will allow the practice to continue to provide highly personalized care, ensuring that every patient has a smooth, comfortable experience from consultation to treatment.

Along with welcoming new team members, Dr. Ponsky has elevated her commitment to staff training and professional standards. As a double board-certified surgeon, she ensures every employee – from the front desk to the operating room – receives the resources and guidance needed to deliver exceptional care. This dedication empowers the entire team at Ponsky Facial Plastic Surgery to provide patients with the highest quality experience and consistently natural results.



Ponsky Facial Plastic Surgery's newly expanded office.

City and Beachwood Historical Society Host Pickleball Tournament

By Rosemary Nemeth

On Saturday, July 11, the City of Beachwood and Beachwood Historical Society sponsored the Ninth Annual Pickleball Tournament. The day was filled with partly sunny skies, lower humidity, dinking, paddles, protein bars, fresh fruit, staying out of the kitchen, and an exhibition of fabulously talented pickleball athletes. The tournament was divided into four divisions – and we congratulate the winners. Happy summer – keep calm and dink on!

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First place: Tim Williams and Pete Gonzalez
Second place: Dr. Mark Nosin and Hieu Ta
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Men's Advanced

First place: Jordan Rose and Jason Miller
Second place: Brett Cohen and Michael Stovsky
Third place: Brian Kranz and Toby He

Women's

First place: Jeannette Timmons and Jill Stovsky
Second place: Ava Ryncarz and Kattie Zatta
Third place: Kasidy Anderson and Joanie Rosenthal

Mixed Doubles

First place: Hongyu Chen and Hua Wei
Second place: Sadeep Khanna and Roshni Sreedharan
Third place: Ayden Anderson and Kasidy Anderson



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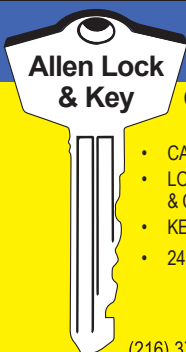
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Rabbi Robuck talks about his new book, *Vilda Chaya: Memoirs of a Boy Who Couldn't Sit Still*. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/16844034>.

AARP Presentation:

Six Pillars of Brain Health

Tuesday, Sept. 1 • 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Learn about habits that incorporate the six pillars of brain health into your everyday life. Register at <https://www.aarp.org/events/details.six-pillars-of-brain-health.xgnrt62lt68>.

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Children's Program

Toy Library Meet & Greet

Monday, Aug. 3 • 10-11 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 5 • 10-11 a.m.
Thursday, Aug. 6 • 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Ages 0-5 and caregivers

Explore toys from CCPL's collection, then check out your favorites to enjoy at home.

CCPL offers more than 2,000 toys to borrow year-round. The toys are stored at the library's administrative offices and may be browsed and requested at www.cuyahogalibrary.org/toys. During this program, a selection will be available at the branch to explore and check out.

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 lbertyclub@gmail.com or 216.375.9111.

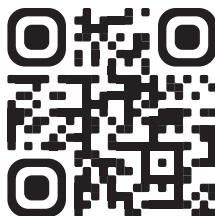


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