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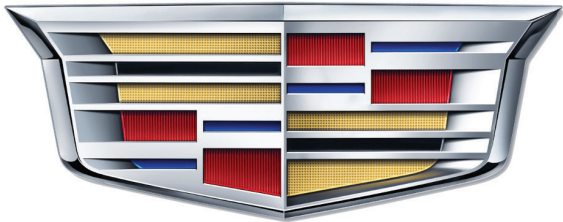
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Letter from THE EDITOR

By Debby Zelman Rapoport



Next month marks 30 years since the start of *Beachwood Buzz*. Reaching this milestone fills me with gratitude and brings back countless memories of the people I've met, relationships I've built, and stories I've had the privilege to share with our community.

For three decades, *Beachwood Buzz* has celebrated the people, businesses, and organizations that make our community special.

Through joyful occasions and everyday achievements, we always strive to help our readers feel more connected to the community we share.

Since the beginning, our focus has been positive. Although there will always be difficult news in the world, we have remained committed to highlighting the people, progress, and uplifting stories that strengthen our community.

None of this would have been possible without extraordinary community support.

I am deeply grateful to the City of Beachwood, Beachwood City Schools, the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce, and our advertisers, whose continued support makes it possible to produce and deliver the magazine each month.

I also thank our team (see page 5) for sharing their time, talent, and creativity with *Beachwood Buzz*. Their dedication exists within every story, photograph, and page.

And to you, our readers, thank you for welcoming

Beachwood Buzz into your homes, offering story ideas, sharing meaningful milestones, and encouraging us along the way. Knowing that you read, save, and share the magazine has made this work incredibly rewarding.

As we prepare next month's anniversary feature, we invite you to submit feedback and input. Please share your favorite memories, what the magazine means to you, and why you enjoy being part of the Beachwood community. We also welcome your ideas and suggestions for future issues.

Please send your reflections, photographs, and ideas to beachwoodbuzz@gmail.com by Thursday, Sept. 10. Your contributions will enrich this special anniversary issue as we take a walk down memory lane.

Thank you for making this milestone possible. I am truly grateful for your support and for the privilege of sharing our community's stories for three decades.

Introducing *Double Alphabet: 26 Word Pairs ~ One Transformative Journey*

For 30 years, writing editorials has given me the opportunity to reflect on life and explore inspirational topics. These columns planted the seed for a book. My initial idea was to publish 52 editorials – one for each week of the year – providing inspiration to a wider audience. As the idea grew, it blossomed into *Double Alphabet: 26 Word Pairs ~ One Transformative Journey*.

Through reflections on these word pairs – such as Awareness ➡ Abundance – I invite you to pause, shift your perspective, and discover new possibilities. If you've enjoyed my editorials, I believe you'll find this book especially meaningful.

Please join me on this journey by visiting doublealphabet.com. When you sign up, I'll send you a preview – along with updates as the book continues to bloom.



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Real Estate Statistical Update by Sharon Friedman



"While the sellers' market in Beachwood is still **hot**, there was a slight leveling off in July – very typical as buyers are preparing for the back to school months. Inventory showed a 6% increase in July over the previous month as buyers left the market. 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

May 14, 2026 – Aug. 12, 2026

Street	Days	List	Sold	LP/SP%	Bed	Bath	Built
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
E Baintree	9	439,000	397,000	90%	3	3	1955
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
E Silsby	1	479,000	479,000	100%	4	2	1950
Annesley	45	574,900	485,000	84%	4	4	1966
Richmond	80	545,000	505,000	93%	4	3	1976
Greenlawn	2	495,000	525,000	106%	3	3	1962
Letchworth	18	565,000	550,000	97%	4	4	1966
Allen	59	575,000	567,500	99%	4	4	1985
Annesley	14	580,000	610,000	105%	3	4	1970
Havel	191	675,000	620,000	92%	4	3	1974
Hermitage	46	725,000	640,000	88%	5	6	1965
Fairmount	3	639,900	660,000	103%	4	3	1953
Shaker	3	675,000	690,000	102%	4	3	1982
Halburton	16	630,000	700,000	111%	4	4	1956
Wendover	11	775,000	767,000	99%	4	4	1959
Hilltop	67	824,900	800,000	97%	5	4	2004
Wendover	62	724,900	815,000	112%	4	3	1961
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
N Woodland	315	1,599,000	1,599,000	100%	5	5	2026
Deptford	14	1,790,000	1,600,000	89%	6	6	2022
Brentwood	55	1,574,000	1,996,900	127%	8	8	2026

Beachwood Market Update

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

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BEACHWOOD 100



The Community Behind Those Who Protect It

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

Beachwood 100 board of trustees and master of ceremonies at this year's scholarship dinner. *Standing, from left:* State Rep. and board member Eric Synenberg, treasurer Alan Berger, master of ceremonies Russ Mitchell, president Ivor Kiwi, secretary Raja Kumar, and vice president Marc Soroka. *Sitting:* Board members Cindy Keller, Susie Loparo, and Michelle Ryb. *Board members not pictured:* Drew Barnholtz, Josh Berger, Jen Ferns, Todd Felder, and Lindsay Miller.

For 57 years, Beachwood 100 has provided residents and businesses with a meaningful way to stand behind the first responders who keep our community safe – and the families who stand behind them.

Every day, Beachwood's police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and dispatchers report for duty knowing they may be called into someone else's most difficult moment. They protect lives and property, respond to emergencies, and provide residents with a sense of security 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Since 1969, Beachwood 100 has made sure they know the community stands behind them.

Operated entirely by citizen volunteers, the nonprofit organization was founded to create and maintain a contingency fund for members of Beachwood's safety forces and their families when illness, injury, or other unforeseen circumstances cause financial hardship.

Although emergency assistance remains at the heart of its mission, Beachwood 100's impact has expanded over the years. The organization awards college scholarships to the children of safety-force personnel; provides health, safety, and fitness equipment; funds projects that promote first-responder wellness; and creates

opportunities for residents and businesses to show their appreciation.

"Our organization gives residents and businesses the opportunity to give back to the first responders who are always there for us," Beachwood 100 president Ivor Kiwi said. "They show up for our community every day, often during our most difficult moments. Beachwood 100 gives all of us a way to show up for them – and for the families who stand behind them."

Vice president Marc Soroka echoed Ivor's sentiments, adding, "Being involved with a grassroots organization like this brings me and my family closer to the community."

HELP WHEN IT MATTERS MOST

The importance of Beachwood 100 is perhaps clearest when a first responder's own family faces an emergency. In one instance, the wife of a Beachwood firefighter required specialized medical treatment in Pittsburgh. Beachwood 100 provided financial assistance to help cover the family's additional out-of-pocket expenses.

It is the kind of support most residents may never see, but one that can make an enormous difference during an already difficult time. The contingency fund assures Beachwood's safety forces that



Ribbon cutting of the Police Department's new wellness room. From left: Cindy Keller*, Warren Sklar*, Michelle Ryb*, Ivor Kiwi*, Police Chief Dan Grispino, Officer Maxwell Zupay, Alec Isaacson**, Susie Loparo*, Jillian DeLong**, Mayor Justin Berns, Alex Jacobs **, Bill Wexner*, and Gail Wexner*. * Beachwood 100 board members. ** City Council members.

when an unexpected illness, injury, or personal crisis occurs, the community they serve is prepared to stand beside them.

The organization's role is also flexible. Because Beachwood 100 is locally led and closely connected to the city's safety departments, it can respond as needs change.

During the COVID-19 crisis, for example, Beachwood 100 partnered with the city to establish a dedicated fund for frontline employees who might experience financial stress. It also launched Flags for First Responders, an initiative that allowed residents and businesses to purchase American flags as a visible demonstration of support. One flag was delivered to each supporter, while another was displayed at Beachwood City Hall.

The program raised funds, increased awareness, and sent an unmistakable message to those reporting for duty during a time of extraordinary uncertainty: Beachwood recognized their service.

A PLACE TO PAUSE, RESET, AND RECHARGE

Beachwood 100's most recent project reflects a growing understanding that supporting first responders also means caring for their mental and emotional well-being.

"Beachwood 100 has shown an incredible commitment to supporting the men and women who serve Beachwood, as well as their families. The scholarship program provides meaningful support to the family members of our police and fire personnel, helping make educational opportunities more accessible. They have also invested directly in the health and wellness of our officers by providing fitness equipment and refurbishing a dedicated wellness room for our police department. Beachwood 100 truly understands and values the sacrifices made by those who serve our community and we are deeply grateful for their continued partnership and support."

Police Chief Daniel Grispino

On April 28, the organization unveiled the newly remodeled Beachwood Police Department wellness room, a dedicated space where officers and staff can pause, reset, and recharge during the demands of their work.

For those who respond to emergencies, protect neighborhoods, and carry the emotional weight of difficult situations, a quiet and intentional place for rest can be an important investment in the people behind the badge.

Police Chief Dan Grispino brought the idea to Beachwood 100. Ivor said the organization immediately recognized its value.

"Our officers face stress and challenges every day," Ivor said. "This room gives officers the opportunity, when appropriate, to rest and recover so they can best serve our community."

Initially, Ivor recalled, the room had the feel of "a college dorm room from the 1970s." Through cleaning, painting, repairs, new furniture, and other thoughtful improvements, volunteers and donors transformed it into a warm and restorative environment.

Michelle Ryb, owner of Buy Rite Office Products and a Beachwood 100 board member, donated a table and chairs. Members of the organization's board, the Police Department, the Service Department, city staff, and community donors also helped bring the project to life. Chief Grispino said improving officer wellness became a priority when he assumed his leadership role.

"Statistically, more officers die by suicide than in the line of duty," he said. "When our officers are well, they are better able to serve the community – so supporting wellness is a win-win."

The project joins other significant investments in first-responder health, including a \$20,000 Beachwood 100 contribution toward replacing equipment in the Police Department fitness center. Prior, the organization also donated fitness equipment to the Fire Department.

Mayor Justin Berns said the renovated room is another example of Beachwood 100's willingness to step forward whenever an opportunity to help arises.

"Beachwood 100 is always there for our police officers and firefighters," Mayor Berns said. "Whenever there is an opportunity to help, they step forward."

As a Beachwood High School graduate and Beachwood business owner, I discovered Beachwood 100 by chance. Once I learned about its value, I became involved. I hope more people learn about the organization and consider becoming members.”

Michelle Ryb, *board member*

“I’ve lived in Beachwood for 30 years and when I learned about the organization and all it does to support our first responders, I knew I wanted to be part of it. It is so rewarding to be able to support the people who serve our community.”

Cindy Keller, *board member*

SUPPORTING THE FAMILIES WHO SHARE IN THEIR SERVICE

Public service affects more than the person wearing the uniform. First responders work long hours, miss holidays and family occasions, and may be called away without warning. Their loved ones share in that commitment. Beachwood 100 recognizes those families through the Irving Berger Scholarship Program, named in memory of one of Beachwood 100’s original founders. Irving passed away in March 2025, at age 99, leaving a legacy of service that continues through his family.

Irving passed his commitment to service on to his son, Alan, who has been involved with Beachwood 100 since the 1990s. Irving’s grandson, Josh represents the third generation of the Berger family to support the organization’s work.

“The founders envisioned an organization dedicated to supporting Beachwood’s first responders, and since 1969, that’s exactly what Beachwood 100 has done,” said Alan. “From providing bulletproof vests and fitness equipment to helping families pay medical bills – and so much more – everything we do reflects our commitment to caring for our first responders.”

“My grandfather passed down the importance of giving back – especially to your community,” added Josh. “As a World War II veteran, my grandfather had a profound respect for those who risk their lives every day to protect others.”

On May 11, Beachwood 100 members, community supporters, corporate sponsors, city officials, and safety-force families gathered for the organization’s 2026 Scholarship Dinner. Four graduating seniors each received a \$2,500 award to support the next stage of their education.

Award-winning journalist and WKYC lead anchor Russ Mitchell served as master of ceremonies. City Council president Danielle Shoykhet introduced Russ as a steady and trusted voice in the community – the same qualities Beachwood residents admire in their first responders.

Russ spoke warmly about his connection to Beachwood and the time he has spent in the community. He described visiting the city’s police and fire departments and seeing some of the resources Beachwood 100 has provided for the people who care for residents every day.

Police Chief Dan Grispino and Fire Chief Steven Holtzman presented the awards. Each student was invited to read an essay reflecting on life as the child of a first responder.

Cara Iacobucci, a Kirtland High School senior, plans to attend Miami University. Her father, Lt. Mike Iacobucci, has served with the Beachwood Fire Department for 27 years. A four-year volleyball player, Cara also served on a Student Council committee, participated in Lakeland Community College’s College Credit Plus program, completed three foreign-language courses and volunteered annually at Lake Metroparks Farmpark’s Halloween Drive-Thru.



Irving Berger, one of Beachwood 100’s founders, passed his commitment to service to his grandson, Josh, a board member, and his son, Alan, who serves as the organization’s treasurer.

“Beachwood 100 has always been there for our first responders, whose work can be very stressful and physically demanding. They helped equip both fire stations with state-of-the-art workout facilities and assisted one of our own after a house fire. Their generosity also extends to the children of our first responders through their scholarship program. Everything they do is meaningful, and we are deeply grateful for their continued commitment.”

Fire Chief Steven Holtzman

Avery Wochele, a Chagrin Falls High School senior, plans to attend Cuyahoga Community College. Her father, Dan Wochele, has served Beachwood for 23 years as a firefighter/paramedic. Avery has completed more than 1,400 hours of service as a volunteer Bible educator, provided translation assistance to immigrants during medical appointments, and operated her own automobile-detailing business for more than three years.

Victoria Kustra, a Saint Joseph Academy senior, plans to attend Ohio University. Her father, Anthony Kustra, also a firefighter/paramedic, has served with the Beachwood Fire Department for 23 years. Victoria served as chief editor of her school yearbook, volunteered as an Arrupe Homework Club tutor, and completed an internship with the Cleveland Municipal Court.

Scott Draves, a Mentor High School senior, plans to attend the University of Akron. His mother, Sgt. Erin Draves, serves with the Beachwood Police Department. Scott captained the football team, and participated in lacrosse, track, and field; Student Council; and a peer-mentoring program. He also earned a Lean Six Sigma Green

Belt. In Scott's absence, Chief Grispino read his essay.

State Rep. Eric Synenberg then presented each recipient with an official commendation from the Ohio House of Representatives, and Mayor Justin Berns offered a special message of gratitude to the students and their loved ones.

"Thank you so much for sharing your parents with the City of Beachwood," Mayor Berns said, acknowledging the many hours safety-force personnel spend away from their families. The mayor also emphasized how meaningful it is for first responders to know Beachwood 100 is prepared to assist if an injury or other personal crisis places a family in need.

"I moved to Beachwood when I was 6 and I quickly came to appreciate what makes this community so special. Beachwood has always felt like a place where people care about one another, come together when it matters, and take pride in supporting those who make our community a better place.

"That is why being involved with Beachwood 100 is so meaningful to me. Having grown up here, I have a deep appreciation for this community and for the people who have dedicated their lives to protecting and serving it. It is an honor to help raise awareness of Beachwood 100 and the many ways it supports our first responders."

Susie Loparo, board member

SAFETY DOES NOT HAPPEN BY CHANCE

Although residents often speak about how fortunate they feel to live in a safe community, Beachwood's safety is not a product of luck. It is the result of the training, skill, and consistent work of dispatchers who answer the first call for help; police officers who protect the city's neighborhoods and businesses; and firefighters and paramedics who respond when lives and property are at risk.

Beachwood 100 provides a bridge between those professionals and the community they serve. Its programs remind first responders that residents recognize the demands of their work and appreciate the people – and families – who make that service possible.

TURNING APPRECIATION INTO ACTION

Beachwood 100's emergency assistance, scholarships, equipment contributions, and wellness projects are possible because residents, businesses, sponsors, and volunteers choose to participate. Individual membership is \$50 per year and corporate membership is \$100. Members receive two membership cards and two vehicle decals that allow them to visibly display their support. Beachwood 100 is a 501(c)(3) organization, and membership dues are tax-deductible.

Businesses can deepen their involvement through corporate and scholarship-dinner sponsorships. Residents may make direct donations, attend fundraising and appreciation events, assist with membership outreach, help with scholarship activities, or contact the organization about other volunteer and board opportunities.

Because Beachwood 100 is operated by volunteers, every membership, donation, sponsorship, and volunteer hour strengthens the organization's ability to respond when help is needed. Awareness matters, too, so please help spread the word. Beachwood 100 gives the community a practical way to say thank you – not only with words, but by helping a family through a crisis, investing in a first responder's health, supporting a child's education, and ensuring that those who care for Beachwood know someone is also caring for them.

Beachwood's first responders are there whenever the community calls. Beachwood 100 gives the community a way to answer in return.

"I've witnessed the impact of Beachwood 100's support since I first served as assistant treasurer alongside my father, eventually succeeding him as treasurer after his retirement," Alan said. "Serving on the board and seeing the appreciation of our first responders has been incredibly rewarding. We welcome anyone who would like to join, volunteer, or support our mission."

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Back pain may appear suddenly after lifting a box, bending in the garden, or getting out of bed. For others, it develops gradually as stiffness, aching, or fatigue that makes sitting, standing, walking, exercising, or sleeping uncomfortable. Although back pain is common, repeatedly ignoring it or simply waiting for it to pass may allow the problem to continue interfering with your life.

Why Does Back Pain Keep Returning?

The place where you feel pain is not always the only area contributing to it. Your back works together with your hips, pelvis, abdominal muscles, legs, and upper body every time you bend, lift, walk, or change positions.

Limited hip mobility, muscle weakness, reduced flexibility, prolonged sitting, or poor movement habits may place additional stress on the back. Previous injuries can also cause people to move differently without realizing it. Even after the initial pain improves, the underlying weakness or movement problem may remain—setting the stage for another flare-up.

This is why treating back pain requires more than identifying where it hurts. It requires understanding how your entire body moves.

DID YOU KNOW?

Low back pain is the leading cause of disability worldwide, and most people will experience it at least once during their lifetime.

Give Your Back a Better Day

- Change positions frequently. Avoid remaining seated or standing in one position for extended periods.
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- Your back pain improves temporarily but continues to return.
- You experience pain traveling into your hip, buttock, or leg.
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Estate Planning for Business Owners: Protecting Your Company, Family, and Legacy

Estate planning for business owners is not just about distributing assets after death—it's about ensuring business continuity, protecting your family's financial security, minimizing taxes, and preserving the legacy you worked so hard to build. Unlike individuals whose wealth may be concentrated in retirement accounts or personal investments, entrepreneurs often have a significant portion of their net worth tied directly to their company. Without a comprehensive estate plan that includes a properly structured trust, your business could face probate delays, leadership disputes, tax burdens, and operational instability at the worst possible time. Here are the steps every business owner should take.

Step 1: Inventory Business and Personal Assets

A comprehensive estate plan begins with a clear inventory of business and personal assets, including ownership interests in LLCs, corporations, partnerships, and sole proprietorships, along with related governing documents. Business assets—such as equipment, intellectual property, real estate, and contracts—should be evaluated alongside personal investments, retirement accounts, and insurance. Proper titling and ownership alignment are essential for effective trust funding and tax planning.

Step 2: Define Your Business Succession Plan

A well-designed business succession plan is central to estate planning for business owners. Succession planning answers a crucial question: Who will take control of the company if you are no longer able to lead it? Some business owners intend to transfer ownership to children or family members. Others prefer to sell the company or allow business partners to buy out their interest. In certain situations, owners want to separate economic benefits from management control—allowing heirs to receive income from the business without participating in day-to-day operations. Clearly defining your long-term vision prevents family conflict, protects company stability, and ensures that the right individuals are positioned for leadership.

Step 3: Establish a Trust to Protect Business Assets

One of the most effective estate planning tools for entrepreneurs is a trust. A revocable living trust allows

business owners to maintain control during their lifetime while ensuring seamless transfer of ownership upon death. By transferring business interests into the trust, the company can avoid probate and continue operating without court intervention.

For business owners concerned about estate taxes, creditor protection, or long-term asset preservation, irrevocable trusts may offer additional benefits. These trusts can remove appreciating business assets from the taxable estate and provide structured distributions to beneficiaries.

A properly structured trust can also protect heirs who may lack financial maturity, shielding assets from creditors, divorce claims, or mismanagement. For many entrepreneurs, trust-based planning offers the flexibility and control necessary to protect both family and business interests.

Step 4: Create or Update Buy-Sell Agreements

For business owners with partners, a buy-sell agreement is a critical component of a comprehensive estate plan. This legally binding agreement outlines what happens to an owner's interest in the event of death, disability, or voluntary departure. A buy-sell agreement can establish a valuation method, restrict ownership transfers to outside parties, and require remaining partners to purchase the departing owner's shares. This prevents unwanted third parties—including heirs who may not be involved in the business—from gaining control.

Life insurance is frequently used to fund buy-sell agreements, providing immediate liquidity so surviving partners can purchase the deceased owner's interest without disrupting business cash flow.

Step 5: Plan for Estate Taxes and Liquidity

Estate tax planning is particularly important for high-value businesses. Even profitable companies can face liquidity challenges if a significant estate tax bill becomes due. Without proper planning, heirs may be forced to sell business assets—or the entire company—to satisfy tax obligations. Advanced estate planning strategies, including lifetime gifting, valuation discounts, and irrevocable trusts, can reduce the taxable value of business interests. Additionally, life insurance

can provide necessary liquidity to cover taxes, debts, and administrative costs without jeopardizing company operations.

Step 6: Coordinate Legal Documents and Corporate Agreements

An effective estate plan must align with existing corporate documents. Operating agreements, shareholder agreements, and partnership contracts often contain transfer restrictions or succession provisions that may conflict with estate planning documents. Coordination between estate planning counsel and corporate advisors ensures that all documents work together seamlessly. This reduces the risk of litigation, delays, or unintended ownership transfers.

Step 7: Communicate Your Estate Plan

Clear communication is an often-overlooked step in estate planning for business owners. While you may not need to disclose every detail, it is important that key stakeholders understand the general framework of your plan. Business partners, successors, trustees, and immediate family members should know their roles and responsibilities. Transparency reduces uncertainty and prevents disputes that could threaten business stability after your passing.

Step 8: Review and Update Your Estate Plan Regularly

Estate planning is not a one-time event—especially for a business owner. Businesses evolve: Revenue grows, assets are acquired, new partners come in, ownership changes, and the value of the company can increase substantially. Your personal life changes too. Marriages, divorces, births, deaths, and changes in family relationships can all affect whether the plan you created years ago still accomplishes what you want today.

Business owners should generally review their estate plan every year. I recommend doing this in coordination with manager minutes and/or annual corporate meetings. That review should include more than just your will or trust. Operating agreements, buy-sell agreements, beneficiary designations, life insurance, powers of attorney, and business ownership should all work together. A trust may say your business passes to your children, for example, while an

operating agreement may restrict who can become an owner or give your partners the right to purchase your interest.

Most importantly, ask yourself: "If something happened to me tomorrow, would this plan actually work?" Who would run the company, access its accounts, make payroll, and ultimately receive your ownership interest? As your business grows and your life changes, your estate plan should grow with it. Regular reviews help ensure that the business you spent years building ultimately benefits the people you intended to protect.

Final Thoughts: Building a Comprehensive Estate Plan with a Trust

For business owners, estate planning is about far more than asset distribution—it is about business succession, tax efficiency, asset protection, and legacy preservation. A comprehensive estate plan that includes a trust provides clarity, stability, and peace of mind. Taking proactive steps today safeguards your company's future tomorrow—and ensures that your hard work continues to benefit your family and community long after you are gone. To schedule an appointment to analyze your business, contact our office at 216-573-3723 or email me at dan@baronlawcleveland.com.

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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Cleveland Clinic Now Offers Prescription Drone Delivery in Beachwood

On Monday, Aug. 3, Cleveland Clinic held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to launch its drone service as an option for eligible patients who live near Cleveland Clinic's Administrative Campus, located on Science Park Drive, to receive select prescriptions.

Offered in partnership with Zipline, the delivery service is available at no additional cost for delivery. During the initial phase, deliveries of certain non-specialty medications are limited to homes within five miles of the campus. Controlled substances, refrigerated medications, and deliveries to apartments are not currently included.

When a prescription is ready, a Cleveland Clinic pharmacy technician places it in a secure container, following the same safeguards used for the health system's other prescription deliveries. A Zipline drone then transports the package autonomously, while flying more than 300 feet above the ground.

Upon reaching the patient's home, the drone hovers while a small delivery device descends on a tether and gently places the package in a designated flat, secure area, such as a front step, patio, or driveway. The drone then returns to its charging station.

Patients can monitor their deliveries through a tracking link sent via MyChart. Zipline's drones do not provide live video or image feeds, and the company does not know what medications are inside Cleveland Clinic orders.

Beachwood resident Diane Haynes was among the first patients to receive a prescription by drone. "It was exciting to watch my prescription come down from the sky," she said. "My prescription arrived within five minutes from the time I called it in, and I was able to track the drone's progress on an app. We live such fast-paced lives and are pulled in so many directions, so having one less errand to run is a great benefit. I definitely recommend this service."



From left: State Rep. Juanita Brent, State Rep. Eric Synenberg, State Senator Kent Smith, Cleveland Clinic Chief Supply Chain & Support Services Officer Steve Downey, Cleveland Clinic Executive Vice President and Chief of Operations Bill Peacock, Cleveland Clinic's U.S. Market Executive Vice President Dr. Jorge Guzman, Cleveland Clinic Chief Pharmacy Officer Lindsey Amerine, Zipline's President of U.S. Healthcare Hillary Brendzel, State Rep. Phil Robinson, Mayor Justin Berns, Northeast Ohio District Director for Sen. Jon Husted Mary Kate Hastings, Constituent Services Manager for Congresswoman Shontel Brown John Bradley Deane.

The electric drones can operate in most cold, windy, rainy, and snowy conditions. Delivery hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the final delivery departing by 5:45 p.m.

Zipline's Federal Aviation Administration-approved delivery system incorporates multiple layers of safety and complies with applicable regulations and technical requirements for drone delivery.

Cleveland Clinic hopes to expand the program over time to additional Northeast Ohio communities. The health system may also explore drone delivery of other medications, laboratory samples, medical supplies, medically tailored meals and materials used for hospital-at-home care.

For more information, visit clevelandclinic.org or contact a Cleveland Clinic pharmacy.



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Jewish Federation of Cleveland to Launch 2027 Campaign for Jewish Needs with Super Sunday Kickoff on August 30

The Jewish Federation of Cleveland will launch the 2027 Campaign for Jewish Needs on Sunday, Aug. 30, with a Super Sunday Kickoff event for the entire community. The Campaign for Jewish Needs is the Cleveland Jewish community's annual fundraising campaign that provides the critical dollars necessary to help keep our diverse local community safe, strong, and welcoming, as well as serve the needs of the global Jewish community.

Throughout the day, attendees can help fundraise, make their own campaign pledge, and participate in activities for all ages.

Highlights include:

- Community-wide fundraising from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Kosher lunch at noon
- J-Day Camps' "Camp for Good" sessions for children (rising K-sixth grade) at 10:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.
- Family-friendly activities from 1 to 4 p.m., including a bounce house, magician, face painting, and ice cream
- Teen basketball tournament

at 1:15 p.m.

- Closing celebration and announcement of the day's fundraising total at 4 p.m.

"Super Sunday is an opportunity for our community to come together, celebrate what makes Jewish Cleveland so special, and demonstrate the collective impact we can make when we give back," said Lynne Cohen, general campaign chair. "Whether you're making a meaningful gift, volunteering your time, or reconnecting with friends, everyone has an important place at this community-wide event."



Community members are encouraged to pre-register to expedite check-in on the day of the event. In the days leading up to Super Sunday, registered participants will receive an email with instructions to create their outreach portal password, allowing them to fundraise on behalf of the Campaign before and after the event.

Super Sunday Kickoff will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 30, at the Jewish Federation of Cleveland's Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Building (25701 Science Park Dr., in Beachwood). Family activities

will begin at 1 p.m. Attendees can come to the event for a few hours or all day as their schedule allows. Event co-chairs are Allison Brandon of University Heights, and Jono and Alix Nisenbom of Highland Heights.

The Federation is the only organization in Cleveland that considers the needs of the Jewish community as a whole and plans for its future. Ninety cents of each dollar donated goes directly to the community. The 2027 Campaign for Jewish Needs will conclude on Dec. 8, 2026.

For more information, visit www.jewishcleveland.org.

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3 Birds and The Wire Concert • Sunday, Sept. 27 • 2-3 p.m.

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!

Moises Borges Concert • Sunday, Oct. 25 • 2-3 p.m.

Based in Cleveland for more than two decades, Moises is a gifted guitarist and vocalist born in Bahia, Brazil. He grew up experimenting with rhythms such as bolero, baião, xote, afoxé, frevo, forró, and especially with samba and bossa nova, which are basic to his performances. His soothing voice and charm make for a wonderful afternoon of entertainment for all lovers of Brazilian Jazz.

Performing either solo or with his band, Borges is a wonderful storyteller and a vivid, funny performer who



plays mostly in the samba and bossa nova traditions, interpreting his original songs and soulfully delivering classics by Jobim, Gilberto, Bosco, and many others. Far away from his native Brazil, the music of his homeland is very much alive when he is on stage.

BAC is proud to be a community partner of the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival's *Arts Shorts Block*. Don't miss the chance to experience these four short films – *Body of Work*, *Shades of Violet*, *Printing What's Possible: The Chuck Hull Story*, and *Making Awareness* – on the big screen, Friday, Oct. 9, 12 p.m., at Triangle Park and Saturday, Oct. 10, 2 p.m., at Valley Arts Center. Tickets go on sale Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. Use code BAC26 to save \$2 on every ticket. To learn more, visit www.chagrinfilmfest.org.

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Change

By Jennifer Stern

Life is fluid. Change is honestly the only real constant. Adjusting to change takes self-awareness, time, grace, managing expectations, and the practice of adaptive coping.

It is important to be aware of your personal narrative and the impact it has on your perception. If you filter the negative, the fear-based forecasting, your brain will look to prove it. Try to filter awareness through your wise mind in place of your emotional mind. Look to the facts of this change and not your fears. Consider the many possibilities this change offers. Think about how this change can be good, helpful, and allow for growth.

Whether it's starting a new job, school, or a phase of life chapter, try and remember that even good change can feel challenging and uncomfortable. To adjust to change we must

manage expectations (there is no perfect or ideal), and make sure to practice healthy coping.

It is important to focus on what you can control (your choices, actions, attitude). Reframe from *have to*, to *choose to*, as a way to feel more in control. I choose to give myself extra time to find where I am going so that I don't start my day feeling stressed.

The uncertainty and discomfort around change can be overwhelming. Try to break large tasks and to-do lists into manageable action steps. Be proactive in organizing your responsibilities. A daily routine and healthy habits

are important to feeling more grounded and in control.

Be sure that self-care, taking time for yourself, is a part of this daily routine. Prioritize sleep, exercise, eating healthy, and connecting with others who might be experiencing similar change (try to find positive people who will join you in growing forward in healthy and productive ways). Utilize your adaptive coping strategies to make life feel more manageable. Get a planner, use your phone calendar, set reminders. Find what works for you to ensure that you are prepared, on time, and meeting deadlines. Ask for help. You don't get a gold star for struggling.

Change takes courage. It isn't easy to step outside of your comfort zone. Be intentional about noticing your effort, small tasks accomplished, connections made, the little victories. Positive and productive self-talk (and awareness) will build confidence and remind you of your ability to adapt, grow, and lead from your strengths as you adjust to change.

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The Power of Organized People

By State Senator Kent Smith

Ohio State football coach Woody Hayes wrote a book entitled *You Win With People*. That is true for Ohio State on the football field. If you organize 11 athletes to do their part on each play, you will be successful. This is also how you win at the Ohio Statehouse.

I am often asked how Democrats can accomplish anything in Columbus while in the minority. I usually respond, "We win more than we should."

We are ineffective only when we sit out the fight. Here are four recent examples of how we have won with organized people:

In the Committee Room: In June 2026, Republicans decided not to fund vital home healthcare services. Those directly affected organized and came to the Capitol. They testified about the devastation these cuts would cause, helping lawmakers put a face on the damage. Organized people in the Legislative Committee Room saved home healthcare.

Through Citizen Advocacy Groups: Also in June 2026, Statehouse Republicans quickly passed HB 472, which would have decreased absentee voting and increased identity theft. Citizen advocacy groups like the Ohio chapter of AARP mobilized and asked Gov. DeWine to veto it. He did, specifically mentioning AARP's advocacy in his official statement.

Direct Contact: In late 2025, the Ohio EPA proposed weakening clean-water requirements for data centers. My office helped lead the effort to reverse that decision. We asked you to push back, and more than 7,000 of you responded. The EPA changed

course. Your outreach protected Ohio's rivers and streams.

Protest: In December 2022, Ohio Republicans tried to place a measure on the May 2023 ballot that would require proposed constitutional amendments to receive 60% of the votes cast, up from a simple majority. Protesters filled the House gallery, shouted down lawmakers and were eventually removed. I watched it happen. It rattled Republicans enough that they were unable to put the issue on the May ballot. When voters considered it in August 2023, they saved majority rule in Ohio and set the stage to enshrine reproductive rights in the Ohio Constitution three months later.

I share these victories to remind you that the next fight is coming. Cynics would have said we could not win these four battles – but we won them all.

Don't believe that your actions, voice, financial contributions, or vote do not matter. Your vote is your most genuine form of protest – don't give away its impact by not using it.

I know organized people can win because I have seen it happen. We need it to happen again.

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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As summer draws to a close, I want to recognize the dedicated Community Services staff and seasonal employees whose hard work made the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center such a safe, welcoming, and enjoyable place for residents and their guests.

Operating the Aquatic Center efficiently requires tremendous effort behind the scenes. From maintaining the facility and monitoring water safety to coordinating staff, assisting visitors and responding to the daily needs of our members, every detail matters. Our lifeguards, managers, maintenance personnel, and seasonal employees approached these responsibilities with professionalism, attentiveness, and a genuine commitment to serving our community.

I extend my sincere appreciation to Derek Schroeder, Director of Community Services, and his entire team for their exceptional work throughout the summer. Their efforts extended far beyond the pool and included summer camps, special events and a wide variety of recreational programs for residents of all ages. These opportunities give families, friends and neighbors places to gather, stay active and build connections. They also demonstrate the important role recreation and community programming play in the quality of life we enjoy in Beachwood.

To everyone who helped make this summer memorable for our residents and Community Services patrons: Thank you for your energy, enthusiasm and dedication.

As we turn from summer to the new school year, safety must remain a shared community priority. With students once again traveling to and from school, drivers should remain attentive, obey posted school-zone speed limits and watch carefully for children at crosswalks and bus stops. Please allow extra travel time, avoid distractions behind the wheel and use added caution near school buildings, particularly during arrival and dismissal periods.

Beachwood Police officers and School Resource Officers will actively monitor traffic near our schools and enforce laws intended to protect students, families and staff.

We are also seeing more children and teenagers using e-bikes and e-scooters throughout the community. Parents and caregivers should ensure young riders wear a properly fitted helmet and any other appropriate safety equipment. Riders should remain alert for vehicles and pedestrians, follow all traffic laws, signs and signals, and use extra caution at intersections, crosswalks and school entrances. Bright or reflective clothing can also help make riders more visible, especially during early morning or evening hours.

"A few extra moments of caution and patience can make a meaningful difference in keeping everyone safe."

Whether you are driving, walking, biking or riding a scooter, please remain aware of your surroundings and show patience toward others sharing the road. A few extra moments of caution and patience can make a meaningful difference in keeping everyone safe.

I wish Beachwood's students, families, teachers and school staff a safe, successful and exciting start to the new school year.

Sincerely,



Mayor Justin Berns

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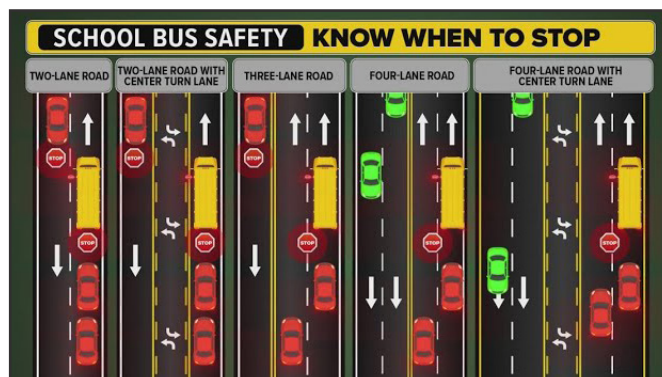
Safety First As Students Return to School

As Beachwood City Schools started the 2026–27 school year on Wednesday, Aug. 27, the City of Beachwood reminds residents to help keep students safe while traveling to and from school.

Drivers should remain attentive, follow posted school zone speed limits, and watch carefully for students at crosswalks and bus stops. Beachwood Police officers and School Resource Officers will actively monitor and enforce traffic laws near school buildings.

Drivers must also understand and follow Ohio's school bus laws:

- On roads with fewer than four lanes, traffic traveling in both directions must stop at least 10 feet from a stopped school bus displaying flashing red lights and an extended stop arm.
- On roads with four or more lanes, only traffic traveling in the same direction as the school bus is required to stop.
- Drivers must remain stopped until the bus begins moving or the bus driver signals that it is safe to proceed.



Students traveling by bicycle, e-bike, or electric scooter are also encouraged to prioritize safety.

Riders should:

- Wear a properly fitted helmet and other appropriate safety equipment.
- Ride carefully and remain alert for vehicles and pedestrians.
- Follow all traffic laws, signs and signals.
- Use extra caution at intersections, crosswalks and school entrances.
- Avoid distractions and never operate a bike, e-bike or scooter recklessly.

Whether driving, walking, biking or riding a scooter, everyone has a role in ensuring Beachwood students have a safe start to the school year. Please stay alert, travel responsibly and give yourself extra time around school buildings and bus routes.

STAY ENGAGED IN YOUR COMMUNITY:



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

Beachwood Connect: What Happens During a Public Hearing?

Have you ever noticed City Council opening a public hearing before discussing certain agenda items?

Public hearings are an important part of the legislative process for rezoning requests, zoning code amendments, and certain other legislative matters. They provide residents with an opportunity to learn about proposed changes and share their thoughts before City Council makes a final decision.

During a typical public hearing, city staff and, when applicable, the applicant present information about the proposal. Residents are then invited to speak, with their comments becoming part of the official legislative record. After public comment concludes, Council discusses the proposal before either taking action or continuing deliberations at a future meeting.

Public hearings help ensure transparency, encourage participation, and give residents a direct voice in decisions that may affect the future of Beachwood.

Learn more about how public hearings work, why they're required, and how you can participate by reading the full article on the city's Beachwood Connect webpage at [BeachwoodOhio.com/Connect](https://www.beachwoodohio.com/Connect) or scan the QR code.



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
Sept. 8 at 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Architectural Board of Review:
Sept. 8 at 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 22 at 4:30 p.m.

Work - Live - Learn - Thrive

National Night Out Brings Beachwood Community Together

On Aug. 4, hundreds of families and visitors gathered at Beachwood City Hall for the City's annual National Night Out celebration. Families met Beachwood police officers and firefighters, explored emergency vehicles, visited with the Police Department's K-9 Unit, and enjoyed games, activities, a scavenger hunt, and food throughout the evening.

The event provided a fun and welcoming opportunity for community members—especially children—to connect with the safety personnel who protect and serve Beachwood year-round.

"National Night Out allows our residents to get to know the police officers, firefighters and safety personnel who serve them every day," Mayor Justin Berns said. "Those personal connections build trust, strengthen relationships and contribute to the strong sense of community that makes Beachwood such a special place to live."



K9 Jorik making a new friend at National Night Out on Aug. 4.



Detective Majewski explaining the BPD drone.



A sunny afternoon full of family fun!



Capt. Lessick helping residents with the scavenger hunt.

HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION:

Rubbish and recycling will not be collected by the city on Monday, Sept. 7, due to Labor Day. Collections will be delayed one day for that week only.

Beachwood Firefighters Complete Specialized Rope Rescue Training

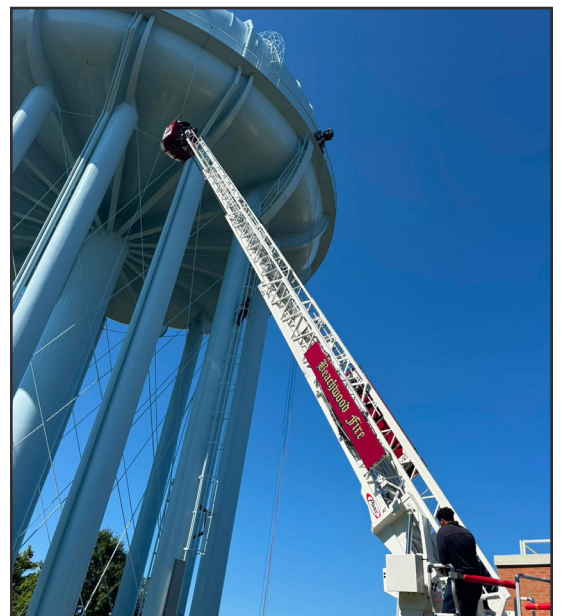


Beachwood firefighters recently completed specialized rope rescue training at the Beachwood water tower using Tower Ladder 1021. The training focused on using ropes, anchors and mechanical equipment to safely reach, stabilize and rescue individuals from elevated or difficult-to-access locations where standard ladders and aerial trucks may not be effective.

These hands-on exercises help ensure Beachwood firefighters are prepared to respond safely and effectively to complex emergencies involving towers, industrial structures, excavation pits and other challenging environments.

The Beachwood Fire Department thanks East Tech Rescue for helping facilitate this important training.

Right: Beachwood Fire Department utilizing Tower Ladder 1021 for rope rescue training at the Beachwood water tower.



Cleveland Clinic Launches Drone Prescription Delivery

Cleveland Clinic has launched a drone prescription delivery service, becoming the first U.S. health system to establish a long-term program for delivering medications directly to patients' homes.

Cleveland Clinic is partnering with Zipline to operate the service, which is available to eligible patients within five miles of its Beachwood Administrative Campus. The electric drones do not land in yards. Instead, each drone remains airborne at approximately 300 feet while a tethered pod gently lowers the prescription package to the ground. Deliveries will take place during normal business hours, Monday through Friday.

To learn more about the program and how the delivery process works, read the cover story on page 16. Residents with questions may contact Zipline at community@zipline.com.



Mayor Berns cutting the ribbon outside Cleveland Clinic's Beachwood Administrative Campus.



Left to right: Dr. Jorge Guzman, Executive V.P. of Cleveland Clinics' U.S. Markets; Lindsey Amerine, Chief Pharmacy Officer; Bill Peacock, Executive V.P. & Chief of Operations; alongside council members Danielle Shoykhet, Jillian DeLong, and Alec Isaacson



A Cleveland Clinic delivery drone with a prescription pickup kiosk positioned in the background.

Greener Together Workshop



Join Carin Miller from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District and Zoe Apisdorf of Rust Belt Riders for an interactive presentation on recycling and composting practices on Sept. 2 at the Beachwood Community Center from 6-7:30 p.m. Carin will explain where your recycling goes, and the do's and don'ts of recycling. She'll also touch on backyard composting of yard waste.

Zoe will review Rust Belt Riders' composting services and how to incorporate food scrap composting into your daily lives as a practice that supports practical waste management and benefits ecosystems. She will also cover how to enroll in the city's free composting program.

The Sept. 2 program is free, but pre-registration is preferred online at BeachwoodRec.com or call 216-292-1970.

Fall Leaf Pickup

Loose-leaf pickup begins the week of Sept. 28 and, weather permitting, runs through mid-December.

- Leaves need to be raked into piles on the tree lawn.
- Keep piles free from other debris such as grass, trees or branches.
- Vehicles parked on the street may impede the city's ability to collect leaves.

Community Shred Day

Our final free community shred day of 2026 is on Friday, Sept. 18, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the Beachwood Community Center parking lot. Bring personal documents, mail, and files to have them shredded on-site at no cost. Please use paper bags and banker boxes only, no blue grocery bags. Shred day occurs rain or shine. Proof of residency (driver's license) is required.

This program is proudly supported by a Recycling Awareness Grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District.



Binny's Recycling Tip: Plastic Bags to the Trash

Plastic bags and plastic wrap are the most common contaminants found in Beachwood recycling bins, accounting for approximately 50% of the city's recycling residue. Although these items may appear recyclable, they cannot be processed through curbside recycling and can become tangled in sorting equipment.

Please place all plastic bags and plastic wrapping in the trash — and help Binny keep Beachwood's recycling clean!



September Recreation Guide



Family, Fireworks, & Fun on Oct. 10

Beachwood's ninth annual Fall Festival is set to bring the fireworks to Beachwood once again outside the Community Center on Saturday, Oct.



10. The celebration kicks off with a free, family-friendly outdoor concert featuring Cleveland's own high-energy 80s cover band, The Spazmatics. The show begins at 8:00 p.m., followed by a fireworks finale sponsored by Velocity Clinical Research. Admission is free and open to everyone.

The Spazmatics, known for their lively stage personas, spot-on 80s sound, and signature quirky fun have been repeatedly recognized as one of Northeast Ohio's top cover bands. They've earned multiple "Best Cover Band" titles from *Cleveland Scene*, including wins in 2023 and 2017.

Following Saturday's kickoff concert, Beachwood's Fall Festival continues on Sunday from 12:00–5:00 p.m. outside City Hall. This year's theme, A Journey Across America, honors America 250 and brings a fun, patriotic twist to the afternoon. Guests of all ages can enjoy free rides, activities, inflatables, entertainment, games, and more, proudly presented by Crestmont Automotive.

BEACHWOOD ELITE WRESTLING:

Mon. & Wed. beginning Oct. 26 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Grades 1-6 | Beachwood H.S. Wrestling Room
Designed for beginners and advanced wrestlers alike! Learn more and register at BeachwoodRec.com.



Rock Around the Griddle, Sept. 14

Step back into the rockin' 1950s and bring your grandchild along for a night that's bursting with fun! Dig into stacks of fluffy pancakes and all your favorite breakfast classics (for dinner!) while the jukebox keeps the good vibes rolling on Monday, Sept. 14, at 5:00 p.m. inside the Beachwood Community Center.

The evening will be packed with upbeat music, lively games, and plenty of laughter as you make unforgettable memories across generations. Sponsored by Cornerstone Caregiving.

Just \$8 for seniors and youth or \$10 for adults. Register online at BeachwoodRec.com or call 216-292-1970. Kosher meal options available during registration.

Instructor Spotlight: Krista Allison



Future Fashion Stars founder Krista Allison brings more than 30 years of New York and Los Angeles fashion industry experience to Beachwood. An Ohio native, Krista knew at age 6 she would become a fashion designer!

She created a curriculum that teaches students the real-world creative process of developing a fashion line, blending industry knowledge with university-level concepts. Krista is supported by a talented team of current students and graduates from Kent State University's acclaimed Fashion Program.

Future Fashion Stars launched in Beachwood in winter 2024 as an after-school youth program at Bryden and Hilltop. Krista's favorite classroom moment so far? Upcycling projects, where students transform pre-loved clothing into brand-new designs.

"The creativity, imagination, and craft is as good as — and even better than — some of the design teams I've worked with professionally!"

Find the Future Fashion Stars classes, open to grades K-5, happening this fall in the recreation guide or visit BeachwoodRec.com.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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Register: BeachwoodRec.com (Youth \$5, Adults \$8, Seniors \$5)

Beachwood Seniors

• Amish Country in a Day

Friday, Sept. 18, 8:00 a.m., depart from the Community Center

Discover the charm of Ohio's Amish Country: browse antiques, savor award-winning cheeses, taste handcrafted chocolates, visit the World's Largest Cuckoo Clock, and more — all in a single day! Open to residents (\$18) and non-residents (\$20).

• Senior Harvest Fest

Thursday, Oct. 22, 2:00-3:30 p.m., Community Center

Enjoy the company of friends as we welcome the beauty of the harvest season together. Sip delicious cider, sample a variety of pies, create your own festive fall craft to take home, see live demos, and more. Open to residents (\$20) and non-residents (\$24); includes all craft supplies and tastings.

September Meet & Eat

The Debbie Darling Duo Celebrates Johnny Mathis

Thursday, Sept. 17, Noon, Community Center

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

Johnny Mathis is a living American legend. Nicknamed "The Velvet Voice," he is known for his ballads but has sung just about every genre of music imaginable. Debbie Darling will weave a tapestry of information and music in this talk. She'll describe the background of this highly talented man, while interspersing the information with his biggest hits.

Meal choices include roast beef or pasta primavera. All entrees served with a side of green beans, spring salad, roll, beverage and dessert. Gluten free option available.

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New Podcast Episode: Connecting Business, Health, and Community

The latest episode of the Beachwood Business Compass Podcast highlights the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce's upcoming Health and Wellness Summit. Economic Development Director Catherine Bierterman speaks with Chamber Executive Director David Lapierre and Lisa Ramage, director of operations for MetroHealth Medical Center.

The conversation explores how the summit will connect businesses and residents with Beachwood's extensive network of healthcare providers and wellness resources. Guests discuss planned expert panels on mental health and first responders, emerging healthcare practices, and how regional health systems incorporate community needs into their operations. The event will also feature approximately 30 vendors, health screenings, networking opportunities, and an American Red Cross blood drive.

Listeners will learn how local healthcare organizations can help employers support workforce wellness, where individuals can access primary and specialty care, and what attendees can expect at the free summit, scheduled for Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Beachwood Community Center.



Amivie Celebrates Grand Opening



Amivie recently celebrated the grand opening of its Beachwood location, expanding access to in-home care services for seniors and families throughout Northeast Ohio.

Formerly known as Community Based Care, Amivie acquired Beachwood-based Rent A Daughter in 2025. Founded by Nadine Glatley,

Rent A Daughter has earned a strong reputation for providing compassionate, individualized services, including Alzheimer's care, caregiver respite, and transitional support following hospitalization.

By joining Amivie, Rent A Daughter will retain its commitment to quality care while gaining additional resources to expand services for local families. The partnership reflects a shared mission of helping older adults remain safe, comfortable, and independent in their homes.

Amivie operates 18 locations in Ohio and provides home and community-based services to seniors, veterans, and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities across six states. The City of Beachwood welcomes Amivie and wishes the organization continued success in serving the community.

Chamber Women's Coffee Hour

Join the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce for its monthly Women's Coffee Hour on Thursday, Sept. 10, from 8:30–9:30 a.m. at COhatch, located at 26300 Cedar Rd. inside Beachwood Place.

September's Coffee Hour will feature RoseAda White, wellness strategist and owner of Balance360 Health & Wellness, presenting "The Art of Networking." She will share practical insights for building authentic professional relationships, creating meaningful conversations, and building communities rooted in trust rather than transactions.

White provides wellness strategy coaching to business owners and organizational leaders and serves as a nutrition specialist, workshop facilitator, and retreat leader.



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Nonprofits: The Organizations Behind a Stronger Community

This month, we offered nonprofits a special advertising opportunity. Beginning on the next page, you can learn about some of these organizations, the people they serve, and the many ways you can support their missions.

Nonprofit organizations help to shape a strong community. These groups recognize unmet needs, bring people together, and turn concern into meaningful action.

Their missions may focus on health, education, hunger, housing, children, older adults, the arts, public safety, or people facing difficult circumstances. Some provide highly visible services, while others work quietly behind the scenes. Although their areas of service vary, they share a common purpose: improving lives and strengthening the communities around them.

Our cover story about Beachwood 100 offers one local example. For more than five decades, the volunteer-led organization has supported Beachwood's first responders and their families through emergency assistance, scholarships, wellness initiatives, and equipment contributions. Its work demonstrates what is possible when residents and businesses unite around a shared purpose.

Nonprofits often address needs that no business, government agency, or individual can solve alone. Because these organizations are closely connected to the people they serve, they can identify emerging concerns, create specialized programs, and respond in ways that reflect local needs.

Their work is both compassionate and practical. A nonprofit might connect a family with vital resources, provide a student with an educational opportunity, help an older adult remain active and engaged, offer comfort during a health crisis, or create a cultural program that brings neighbors together.

Each service may address an immediate need, but its effects often reach much further. When one person receives support, an entire family may become more stable. When a child gains access to a new opportunity, a future can change. When residents gather around a shared cause, relationships form and the community becomes more connected.

The word "nonprofit" describes an organization's structure – not the value, professionalism, or complexity of its work. Nonprofits develop programs, manage budgets, measure results, communicate with supporters, recruit volunteers, and plan for the future. They are led by professionals, board members, and community advocates who combine expertise with a deep commitment to their missions.

They also contribute to the local economy. Nonprofits employ people, purchase goods and services, maintain facilities, host events, and form partnerships with area businesses. Their work supports community well-being while contributing to the vitality of our region.

For businesses, partnering with a nonprofit can connect a company with a cause that reflects its values, offer employees meaningful ways to work together, and build stronger community relationships. The most effective collaborations go beyond placing a logo on an event. They combine resources, knowledge, and networks to accomplish something neither organization could achieve as effectively alone.

Supporting a nonprofit, however, does not require a large donation or a significant time

commitment. It can begin with attending an event, becoming a member, volunteering for a few hours, sharing an organization's message or simply learning more about the need it addresses.

Every contribution counts. A donation can help fund a program. A volunteer can provide an extra pair of hands. A professional can share expertise in communications, finance, law, technology, or planning. A business can contribute supplies, services, meeting space, or introductions to potential partners. Even one conversation can connect an organization with a future supporter.

With so many worthy causes, deciding where to become involved can feel overwhelming. A good place to begin is with a personal connection. Consider the issues that have affected your family, inspired your interest, or shaped your experiences. Think about the kind of community you want future generations to inherit, and then learn which organizations are working toward that vision.

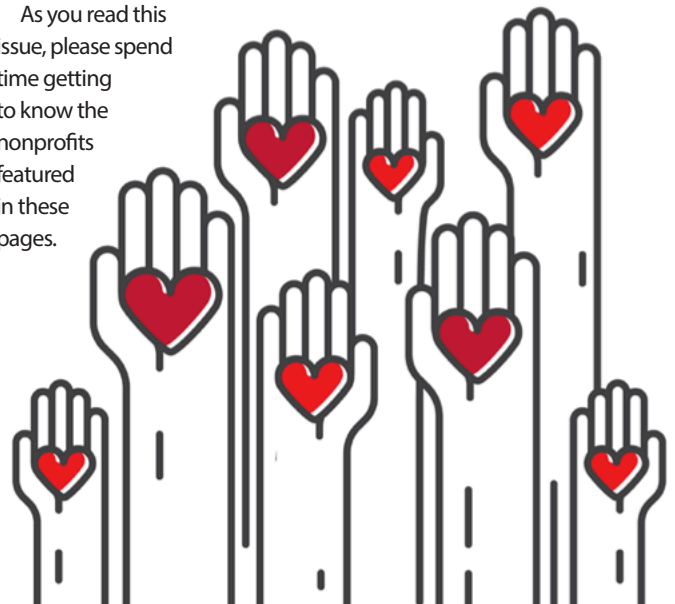
As you read this issue, please spend time getting to know the nonprofits featured in these pages.

Explore their missions, visit their websites, and learn how their programs work. You may discover an organization that reflects your values, needs your expertise, or introduces you to an important part of the community you have not previously encountered.

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Behind every effective nonprofit is a network of people who believe a need deserves attention and that collective effort can create change. When we support those working to improve the lives of others, we strengthen our community.

Here's to a meaningful September – and to the many neighbors, volunteers, and organizations that make a difference every day.



Beachwood Health & Wellness Summit Brings Community Together for a Day of Education, Prevention, and Wellness



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The Beachwood Chamber of Commerce invites residents, families, and business professionals to attend the Health & Wellness Summit on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Beachwood Community Center. This free community event will bring together many of Northeast Ohio's leading healthcare organizations for an informative day focused on improving the health and well-being of our community.

The summit will feature Dr. David Stepnick, executive vice president, chief physician executive, and clinical officer at MetroHealth, as the keynote speaker. He will share valuable insights on today's most important healthcare issues and the future of community wellness. Experts from Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, and Akron Children's will also present on a variety of health topics and participate in engaging discussions throughout the day.

A special highlight of the event will be a community blood drive hosted by the American Red Cross, giving attendees the opportunity to make a meaningful difference by donating blood while attending the summit.

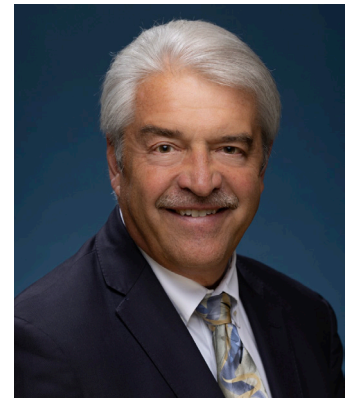
Visitors will also have access to a variety of free health screenings, including blood pressure checks, pulse oximetry testing, balance screenings, and thermal scans. These preventive screenings are designed to help

individuals better understand their health and encourage proactive wellness.

In addition, panel discussions will explore important community issues, including mental health challenges facing first responders and a conversation with local community leaders on building a healthier Beachwood for residents of all ages.

The Beachwood Chamber of Commerce is proud to partner with the City of Beachwood, Kultivate Women's Health, Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, Akron Children's, and Cleveland Vascular Care to make this event possible.

Admission is free and open to the public. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, Oct. 21, and join us for a day dedicated to education, prevention, and healthier living. Sponsor opportunities and vendor tables are still available. Visit www.beachwood.org/events for additional details or call the chamber at 216.831.0003.



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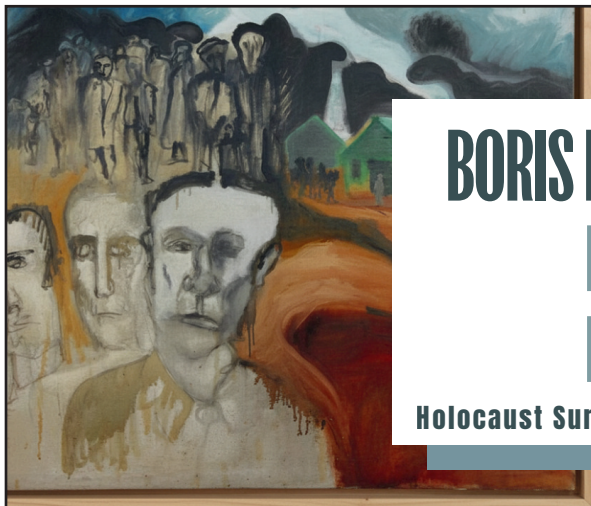
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For information and a nomination form, visit
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National Council of Jewish Women/Cleveland Becomes Jewish Women in Action Cleveland (JWA CLE)

New name reflects a continued commitment to local impact, advocacy, volunteerism and community leadership

Following approval by its membership, National Council of Jewish Women/Cleveland (NCJW/CLE) is proud to announce that it is now Jewish Women in Action Cleveland (JWA CLE), marking an exciting new chapter in the organization's 132-year history.



While the organization's name has changed, its values, programs, leadership, staff, and commitment to the community remain firmly in place.

The transition came as the national organization, NCJW Inc., underwent a significant restructuring. After more than a year of thoughtful evaluation, strategic planning, and discussion, local leadership determined that becoming an independent organization would best position the Cleveland organization to continue advancing its mission. Greater independence allows the organization to make decisions locally, operate with greater flexibility and continue serving the evolving needs of women, children, and families throughout Northeast Ohio.

"This is a big moment for our organization and for Cleveland," said executive director Mindi Axner. "For more than 130 years,

women have come together through this organization to make a difference in the lives of others. That spirit isn't changing. We are proud of where we've been, excited about where we're going, and committed to continuing this work with the same passion, purpose, and dedication that have always defined us."

Through volunteer initiatives, social justice and advocacy, educational programming, and community partnerships, the organization is a trusted force for positive change across Northeast Ohio.

"We are deeply proud of our history and grateful for the generations of women who built this organization," said co-president Wendie Forman. "As we look toward the future, our focus is simple: ensuring that this organization remains strong, relevant, and impactful for generations to come."

*"While our name is new,
our purpose remains
unchanged."*

*– Lisa Cynamon Mayers,
co-president*

The organization remains grounded in the Jewish values that have always guided its work, including justice, dignity, compassion, and community.

To celebrate this milestone, JWA CLE is offering a complimentary one-year membership to all current and new members who register during its inaugural year. Existing Life Members will continue to have their status fully honored.

Throughout the coming year, Jewish Women in Action Cleveland will commemorate this historic milestone through special events and celebrations that honor both the organization's

rich history and its future.

"While our name is new, our purpose remains unchanged," said co-president Lisa Cynamon Mayers. "We are excited and energized, and most importantly, we are grateful to our members, supporters, and partners for their continued support."

About Jewish Women in Action Cleveland

Jewish Women in Action Cleveland is a nonprofit organization inspired by Jewish values and committed to advancing justice, dignity, and opportunity for all. Through volunteerism, advocacy, education, and community partnerships, JWA CLE works to improve the lives of women, children, and families throughout Northeast Ohio while empowering individuals to create meaningful change in their communities.

To learn more, visit www.JWAcleveland.org.

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JWA CLE graciously accepts donations from the community including women and men's clothing, children's clothing, shoes, accessories, home goods, artwork, and more.

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Please drop off donations at JWA CLE's warehouse, 26055 Emery Rd. Drop-off hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mark your calendar!

Designer Dress Days – DDD – will be held on Friday, Oct. 16, through Sunday, Oct. 18. More details to follow.



Photos by Mariana Edelman

Chayim Tovim: Living Well

There's always something new to learn, someone new to meet, and another story to discover. Chayim Tovim, a program of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, is a new, dynamic network for Jewish adults aged 55+ to engage in Jewish learning, living, and community, including those passionate about grandparenting. Together, participants meet new people while exploring Jewish life through thought-provoking learning, inspiring conversations, and experiences that spark curiosity.

"There is always more to learn, more to discover, and new ways to grow. Judaism provides unlimited opportunities for deep exploration at every stage of life. Chayim Tovim brings people together to explore Jewish wisdom and learn from one another," remarked Rabbi Thalia Halpert Rodis from Chayim Tovim.

There are a variety of experiences to try, making it easy to find one that speaks to you. Shake the lulav and etrog with your grandchildren in the sukkah. Dive into Jewish texts over coffee and leave with fresh ideas to carry into your life. Rediscover a favorite tradition or

explore something entirely new. Each gathering is an opportunity to experience Jewish wisdom alongside others.

Whether you're exploring a new interest, creating family memories, or simply looking for meaningful conversation, Chayim Tovim offers a place to stay curious, deepen your connection to Jewish life, and build relationships with people who bring their own stories, questions, and perspectives.

Chayim Tovim is an initiative of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, shaped by research and insights from the Jewish Federation of Cleveland's Older Adult Task Force. This work

highlights the importance of connection, purpose, learning, and meaningful relationships as we age – ideas that Chayim Tovim brings to life through opportunities to learn, connect, and find meaning together.

Together, participants meet new people while exploring Jewish life through thought-provoking learning, inspiring conversations, and experiences that spark curiosity.

Engage in community:

Become part of a vibrant community of peers who share your interest and curiosity for Jewish culture, learning, and living.

Explore Jewish culture:

Delve into the depths of Jewish culture, heritage, and values through enriching experiences.

Embrace grandparenting:

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Teal Captures Beachwood Men's Softball First-Half Championship

The first half of the 2026 Beachwood Men's Softball season came down to one decisive game.

After Grover/Marcus (Neon) and Seifert/Schickler (Teal) finished the first half tied for first place, the teams met Tuesday, July 21, at Fairmount Field 1 to determine the champion.

Teal emerged victorious, earning the title of 2026 First-Half Champions. The championship team is managed by Mitch Seifert and Rob Schickler.

Attention then turned to the second half of the schedule, which concluded at the end of August. Additional information will be shared as soon as it becomes available.



Congratulations to Team Teal on its first-half championship!

The 2026 Teal team, first-half champions, managed by Mitch Seifert and Rob Schickler.

Blaise Eitman Shines as a Buddy Walk® Ambassador

For Blaise Eitman, the Northeast Ohio Buddy Walk is an opportunity to celebrate inclusion, share artwork, and inspire others. Buddy Walk® is the largest annual fundraiser for the Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Ohio.

Last year, Blaise sold her artwork before receiving a special moment of recognition: Organizers announced her onstage as a Buddy Walk® Ambassador. She waved as the crowd applauded and cheered her on.

"I felt like a celebrity," Blaise recalled.

Blaise's enthusiastic response continued after the event, with friends and supporters leaving encouraging comments on her Facebook page. Blaise takes great pride in serving as an ambassador and understands that the honor comes with responsibility.

"I work hard to be the best person I can be and to be a Buddy Walk® Ambassador," she said.

Blaise's creativity, dedication, and positive attitude reflect

the Buddy Walk® mission of building a community in which people with Down syndrome are celebrated, accepted, and given opportunities to pursue their dreams.

Toni Mullee, DSANEO executive director, said, "Blaise has been an amazing ambassador for DSANEO and the Buddy Walk®. Her enthusiasm for the organization is inspiring for all of us."

The 2026 Northeast Ohio Buddy Walk®

This year's Northeast Ohio Buddy Walk® will take place Saturday, Oct. 24, at Mall C in downtown Cleveland. The celebration will include opening ceremonies, a 1-mile walk, family-friendly activities, entertainment, community resources, and a post-walk dance party.

The Northeast Ohio event, now in its 26th year, is the largest annual fundraiser for the DSANEO. Money raised supports

education, advocacy, family assistance, medical resources, and social programs serving more than 1,100 families across 16 Northeast Ohio counties.

Participants may register, create or join a team, raise money, or make a donation at www.dsaneo.org/buddy-walk. For questions or to learn more, contact Calli Fenik, Buddy Walk® coordinator, at calli@dsaneo.org.

With ambassadors such as Blaise leading the way, the Buddy Walk® promises to be another joyful celebration of achievement, belonging, and community.



Blaise Eitman, Buddy Walk® Ambassador, proudly displays art that she sold at last year's event.

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Senders Pediatrics' Physicians Honored

Senders Pediatrics is proud to announce that all of its physicians have been named Best Doctors by *Cleveland Magazine* in its 2026 list. This distinguished recognition places the practice among the region's most celebrated pediatric care providers.

"We are incredibly proud of our entire team," said Beachwood resident Shelly Senders, MD and CEO of Senders Pediatrics. "This recognition belongs to every member of our practice and demonstrates their unwavering commitment to the health and

well-being of the children and families we serve."

The research for this list was determined by a rigorous peer-nomination process conducted by PRS (Professional Research Services) and was based on an online peer-review survey sent out to all certified doctors within the Cleveland area. Physicians vote for the colleagues they would trust most with the care of their own families. Earning a place on this list reflects the highest level of professional respect within the medical community.



Bottom row: Kelly Irwin, DO, and Heather Arnett, MD. Middle Row: Alyssa Stachowiak, MD; Ann Witt, MD; Jill Sangree, MD; and Laura Caserta, MD. Top Row: Jordan Hoerr, MD, and Shelly Senders, MD. Photo by Pollack Studio.

Blum's Shop Shalom Welcomes New Owner and Fresh Look

Blum's Party Goods has entered an exciting new chapter under the ownership of Sarah Shalom, who has renamed the business Blum's Shop Shalom.

The refreshed store combines the familiar party and baking merchandise customers have long relied upon with a new selection of meaningful gifts.

Sarah has made several improvements to the store,

including repainting the interior, installing new flooring and completing other cosmetic updates. She has also introduced the Shop Shalom gift store, featuring primarily handmade items from Israel and creations by local artists.

Customers can find gifts for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, new babies, and other special moments. The store also carries Jewish greeting cards for a variety of occasions.

While the business has a new name and appearance, longtime customers will still find its traditional selection of party goods and baking supplies.

By bringing together celebration essentials, Jewish gifts, and locally created artwork, Blum's Shop Shalom offers the community a welcoming place to shop for everyday needs and life's most meaningful occasions.



Beachwood Youth Theatre Presents *Spooky Movie the Musical*

This fall, young performers are invited to enter the delightfully eerie town of Halloween, where ghosts, skeletons, monsters, witches and zombies are about to get their big break – in a movie!

Spooky Movie the Musical is an original stage show written by Beachwood Youth Theater director Julie Matthews. Created for children ages 7-14, this lively production combines acting, singing, dancing, and on-camera performances in a

fun and encouraging theatrical experience.

Throughout the seven-week session, participants will develop their performance techniques, strengthen their audition skills, and learn how acting for television and film differs from acting onstage. Whether they already love performing or are stepping into the spotlight for the first time, young cast members will have opportunities to

build confidence, express their creativity, and make new friends. Plus, they'll have fun bringing the wonderfully ghoulish residents of Halloween to life.

Each seven-week session concludes with a live performance for family, friends, and the community. Registered participants will be cast in the production.

For questions, contact instructor Julie Matthews at gold2@aol.com or 216.258.4884.



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A special part of the Friendship Circle community is its network of Jewish teen "FriendMakers," who build meaningful friendships with participants while developing leadership skills, empathy, and a greater understanding of inclusion.

This fall, the community will come together for MyWalk4Friends, Friendship Circle's annual fundraising walk and family festival. The event features fun for all ages, including

inflatables, crafts, free food, and, this year, a zipline. More than a walk, MyWalk4Friends is a celebration of friendship, connection, and inclusion.

Funds raised help support Friendship Circle's programs throughout the year.

Beachwood residents are invited to join MyWalk4Friends and take a step toward a more inclusive community where every friendship matters.



Friendship Circle participants and teen FriendMakers celebrate connection, community, and inclusion at MyWalk4Friends. Photo by Mariana Edelman.

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Art That Heals

Centers for Dialysis Care celebrates 35 years of creative art therapy

Centers for Dialysis Care recently completed an exhibit at the Beachwood Library featuring more than 50 original works created through its Creative Art Therapy program. The exhibit offered the community a window into the creativity, resilience, and personal expression of patients receiving dialysis throughout Northeast Ohio.

An opening reception was held Aug. 2, bringing together participating artists, family members, caregivers, and community supporters. Among the featured artists was Centers for Dialysis Care patient Nina Fenster, a Beachwood resident whose four bird paintings were included in the exhibit.

"I have always looked forward to art therapy day, especially since I lost my husband. It brings a sparkle of joy and hope in a time of great sadness," Nina said. "Creating my art also helps treatment time go by so much faster. I am glad I am able to share some of my own experiences about various challenges I've faced and the unique benefits of art therapy. I hope that my doing so can help others. My sincere and heartfelt thanks to the person who had the idea to add art therapy during dialysis."

The show coincided with an important milestone for Centers for Dialysis Care: the 35th anniversary of its art therapy program, which has supported renal patients and their families since 1991.

For patients receiving dialysis several times each week, treatment can require many hours in a clinical setting.

Centers for Dialysis Care helps make that time more meaningful by giving patients opportunities to create, express themselves, and focus on something beyond their medical treatment.

Art therapy uses a variety of artistic materials as therapeutic tools, emphasizing the creative process rather than the finished product. No artistic ability or previous experience is necessary. Patients can explore different materials and techniques with guidance, encouragement, and supplies provided by trained creative art therapists.

The program is designed to support patients' physical, emotional, and mental well-being. Participation can help decrease anxiety, manage pain and stress, encourage healthy coping skills, promote relaxation, and build self-esteem. It can also help patients discover and develop talents they may not have known they possessed.

For patients who spend three to six hours receiving dialysis, often three times each week, creating art can provide something enjoyable to anticipate while helping treatment time feel less consuming. It offers a constructive way to express emotions, regain a sense of identity and accomplishment,



Centers for Dialysis Care patient and Beachwood resident Nina Fenster stands beside two of her four bird paintings featured in the Creative Art Therapy exhibit at the Beachwood Library.

and connect with others through shared creativity.

"Our program provides patients with a creative outlet that allows them to explore a variety of talents," said Gary Robinson, president and CEO of Centers for Dialysis Care. "The level of skill and detail found in many of these pieces is truly amazing."

How to Participate

Creative Art Therapy is offered at no cost to Centers for Dialysis Care patients while they receive treatment. Current patients who would like to participate may speak with a member of their care team or ask to meet with their

facility's art therapist. Creative art therapists are available at several Centers for Dialysis Care facilities. The art therapy program has grown into an important part of the organization's patient-centered approach.

Individuals interested in receiving dialysis care through Centers for Dialysis Care – or physicians and hospitals making a referral – may contact Central Scheduling at 216.789.5999, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CDC's Beachwood location is located at 27350 Cedar Rd., 216.378.1580. Additional locations are listed at www.cdcare.org/our-facilities.

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 Sept. 4 and Oct. 2.

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



Suburban Symphony Orchestra Opens Season With Music and Photography

Suburban Symphony Orchestra will open its 2026-2027 season with *Pines of Rome – Life Emerges, Life Endures*, a multimedia performance exploring life across space and time, on Sunday, Sept. 27, 3:30 p.m., in the Beachwood High School Auditorium.

Conducted by Domenico Boyagian, the program will combine orchestral music with images created by members of the Cleveland Photographic Society. The projected photography will illuminate themes ranging from distant stars and the life-giving power of the sun to ancient trees that have witnessed centuries of human history.

The concert will begin with Mary Howe's *Stars*, followed by Carl Nielsen's *Helios Overture*, a musical depiction of the sun

rising and crossing the sky above the Aegean Sea. Pianist Joyce Yu will join the orchestra as soloist for Felix Mendelssohn's sparkling *Piano Concerto No. 1*.

The afternoon will culminate in Ottorino Respighi's *Pines of Rome*. The vivid symphonic poem follows Rome's famous pine trees through four settings, concluding with a dramatic musical vision of the Eternal City emerging from the mist in a blazing sunrise and brass-filled crescendo.

Together, the selections reflect the concert's central idea: The

elements of life originate in the stars, flourish beneath the sun, and endure through the natural world and human history.

The Cleveland Photographic Society, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization, has partnered with the orchestra to bring these themes to the stage through the work of local photographers. Audience members are invited to arrive early for a lobby gallery featuring additional photographs by society members. The gallery opens at 3 p.m.

More information is available at suburbansymphony.org/pines. To learn more about the Cleveland Photographic Society, visit clevelandphoto.org.



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Beachwood Guardians Capture Minors Baseball Championship

The Beachwood Guardians capped off an impressive season by capturing the Minors Baseball League championship with two consecutive playoff victories.

The Guardians' 9- and 10-year-old players competed in a 13-team league that included two teams from Beachwood and teams representing Cleveland Heights, Orange, South Euclid, and Hawken.

Led by head coach Danny Jacob and assistant coaches Michael Hoenig and Seth Rotz, the Guardians finished the regular season with a 9-3 record and qualified for the championship division playoffs.

The team opened postseason play July 7 with an 8-4 victory over

Cleveland Heights. The following day, the Guardians faced Orange in the championship game and earned the title with an exciting 16-11 win.

The championship was a memorable conclusion to a season filled with growth, hard work, and teamwork. Along the way, the young athletes strengthened their baseball skills, persevered through challenges, and learned the importance of supporting one another.

Congratulations to the Beachwood Guardians, Coach Jacob, Assistant Coach Hoenig, and Assistant Coach Rotz on an outstanding season and a well-earned championship.



Back row, from left: Seth Rotz, Michael Hoenig, and Danny Jacob. Middle row: Avi Jacob, Asher Grodko, Noah Katz, Gabriel Hoenig, Henry Ziff, Meir Minkin, and Nadav Estrin. Front row: Avi Grodko, Benjamin Blankenber, Benji Braun, Ellis Rotz (kneeling), and Ami Stark. Not pictured: Yoni Pappas, Itai Scheinbach and Ori Wiesen.

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"It's easy to make a difference," she added. "Every dollar helps bring warmth and comfort to children facing difficult hospital stays.

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Chaya Dalya Berezovsky with her mother, Wendy Berezovsky.

COhatch Beachwood Invites Community to "Meet the Experts"

COhatch Beachwood will host Meet the Experts, a free community networking event, Thursday, Sept. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The event will bring together entrepreneurs, small-business owners, nonprofit leaders, startups, and ambitious

professionals with experienced industry experts from the COhatch network and the broader Greater Cleveland community.

Whether attendees are looking to scale a business, launch a new project, strengthen a nonprofit, or make

valuable local connections, Meet the Experts will offer direct access to professional expertise, shared resources and new opportunities for growth.

Meet the Experts will take place at COhatch Beachwood, located inside Beachwood Place,

at 26300 Cedar Road, Suite 1105.

Admission is free, but advance registration is requested. To reserve a spot, visit <https://tinyurl.com/COhatchExperts>.

For additional information, call COhatch Beachwood at 216.373.1577.



Upcoming Programs at the Beachwood Library

Tuesday Book Chat

Tuesday, Sept. 8
7-8 p.m.

A discussion of *A Pair of Aces*, by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. Registration not necessary.

Third Wednesday Book Discussion

Wednesday, Sept. 16
2-3 p.m.

A discussion of *The Director*, by Daniel Kehlman. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/16680601>.

The Aging Journey: Strategies for Success

Friday, Sept. 18
10-11 a.m.

Retirement Advisor Teresa Wheeler presents on proactive choices that support health, independence, and well-being. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/16646641>.

Knit & Lit

Monday, Sept. 21
6:30-8 p.m.

Join us for fiber arts and informal chats about what everyone is reading. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/14583005>.

Service-Learning Through Cultural Exchange and Arts Therapy

Tuesday, Sept. 22
7-8 p.m.

Dr. Katherine Jackson speaks on her service-learning work in the U.S. and abroad. See information in the shaded box.

Author Jim Shepard

Wednesday, Sept. 23
7-8 p.m.

Author Jim Shepard visits to discuss his latest collection of short stories, *The Queen of Bad Influences*. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/16770123>.

Quarterly Classics Book Club

Tuesday, Sept. 29
6:30- 7:30 p.m.

A discussion of *A Tale of Two Cities*, by Charles Dickens. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/16659396>.

Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Thursday, Oct. 1
2-3 p.m.

Mary Schwarz, from the Alzheimer's Association, visits to educate about Alzheimer's symptoms. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/16701772>.

Mid-Autumn Festival

Saturday, Sept. 26
2:30-4 p.m.

Children grades K-5 and their families

Join us for crafts and cultural learning at this family-friendly celebration of traditional Chinese culture. This program is presented in partnership with the Chinese Academy of Cleveland.

Play, Learn & Grow

Thursdays, Sept. 3 – Oct. 1
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Ages 1-3 with caregiver

Boost your toddler's brain through play. Join us for a five-week series where you'll connect with your kids, community experts, and other families. Registration required.

Dr. Katherine Jackson to Discuss Service-Learning Through the Arts at the Beachwood Library

The Beachwood Library will welcome Dr. Katherine Jackson for a special book talk on Tuesday, Sept. 22, from 7-8 p.m.

Dr. Jackson will discuss her new book, *Service-Learning Through Cultural Exchange and Expressive Arts Therapy*, and share stories from her work in the United States and abroad. Her presentation will explore how art can bridge differences in language and culture, encourage meaningful human connection, and help build lasting relationships.

Drawing on her experiences with college and graduate students serving vulnerable populations, Dr. Jackson will also highlight lessons learned and best practices for approaching



service-learning with respect, openness, and cultural sensitivity.

The program will be held in the library's meeting room. Registration is preferred at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/16701149>.

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All ages with caregiver

Baby & Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays through November
10-10:30 a.m.
Birth – 35 months with caregiver

Hebrew Language Storytime

Wednesday, Sept. 16
4-4:30 p.m.
Join us for stories, songs, movement, and rhymes in Hebrew and English. Presented in collaboration with the Mandel Jewish Community Center.

Lil Artists

Friday, Sept. 18
11-11:30 a.m.
Ages 2-5 and their caregiver
Join us for Toddler Art Time, where lil hands explore big creativity. Registration required.

STEAM Club

Tuesday, Sept. 8
4-5 p.m.
Children grades 2-5
Join us for fun monthly STEAM activities. Registration required.

Art Explorers

Thursday, September 10
4-4:45 p.m.
Children grades K-4
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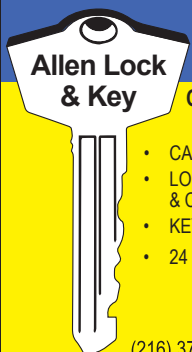
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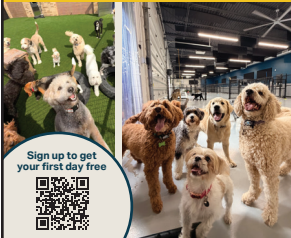
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