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Letter from THE EDITOR

By Debby Zelman Rapoport

As we breathe in the cool fall air and beauty of the season, we look forward to the warmth of Thanksgiving: a time to slow down, turn inward, and feel grateful for the blessings, both big and small, that fill our lives.

Before we cozy up with a blanket, light a few candles, and settle into the holiday spirit, let's turn our attention to the election, do our due diligence, and – if we haven't yet done so – cast our votes.

Each of us has a responsibility to help shape our shared future by supporting candidates whose values align with our own: those who are committed to fairness, opportunity and the well-being of the communities they serve. When every voice is heard and every eligible voter can participate freely, democracy works as intended, with each of us helping to build a more just and inclusive future.

Once we have made our voices heard at the ballot box, we can turn our attention toward Thanksgiving – a welcome opportunity to slow down, gather with those we love, and reflect on all we have to be grateful for.

Gratitude doesn't have to be reserved for life's grand moments, it can be found in the simple, everyday joys we sometimes overlook – a warm cup of coffee, a familiar voice, an unexpected kindness, a shared laugh, or a quiet moment to ourselves. When we pause long enough to take note, we begin to recognize just how much goodness already surrounds us.

Gratitude breeds gratitude and what we focus on grows. Therefore, the more attention we give to what is good in our lives, the more reasons we discover to be thankful. We begin to see more clearly, appreciate more deeply, and recognize that what we already have may be more than enough.

Each day offers us a blank canvas – a new opportunity to choose what we create, what we contribute, and how we show up for ourselves and others. When we begin from a place of gratitude, we are more likely to paint that canvas with generosity, compassion, and a sense of possibility. Gratitude reminds us that abundance is not only found in what we possess, but also in what we have to share.

This idea of abundance brings to mind Robin Wall Kimmerer's book, *The Serviceberry,* and its vision of a gift economy – one rooted in generosity, reciprocity, and care rather than accumulation. Each of us has something meaningful to offer, whether it is a creative talent, a thoughtful gesture, a helping hand, or simply our time and attention.

With Thanksgiving just a few weeks away, consider what you can freely give to others. When we share our gifts openly, we create a circle of warmth and belonging in which generosity inspires generosity and gratitude continues to grow.

As you move through your days, take pride in who you are, appreciate your gifts, and consider what you can offer to others. Stay close to the people who matter and cherish the quiet, ordinary moments you share. One day, you may look back and realize that those moments were the ones that mattered most.

Debby Z



Veterans Day Ceremony

The Beachwood community, veterans, and guests are cordially invited to attend this year's Veterans Day Ceremony. Together, we will honor and thank the courageous individuals who have served our country.

Veterans will share their stories, and members of NEOPAT, the Boy Scouts, and the Girl Scouts will also participate in the ceremony.

The event will take place on Sunday, Nov. 8, 11 a.m., at Beachwood Cemetery, located at the corner of Halburton and Green Roads. Guests are asked to park on Halburton Road.

Please join us as we recognize our veterans and say: Thank you for your service!

The ceremony is sponsored by the City of Beachwood and the Beachwood Historical Society.

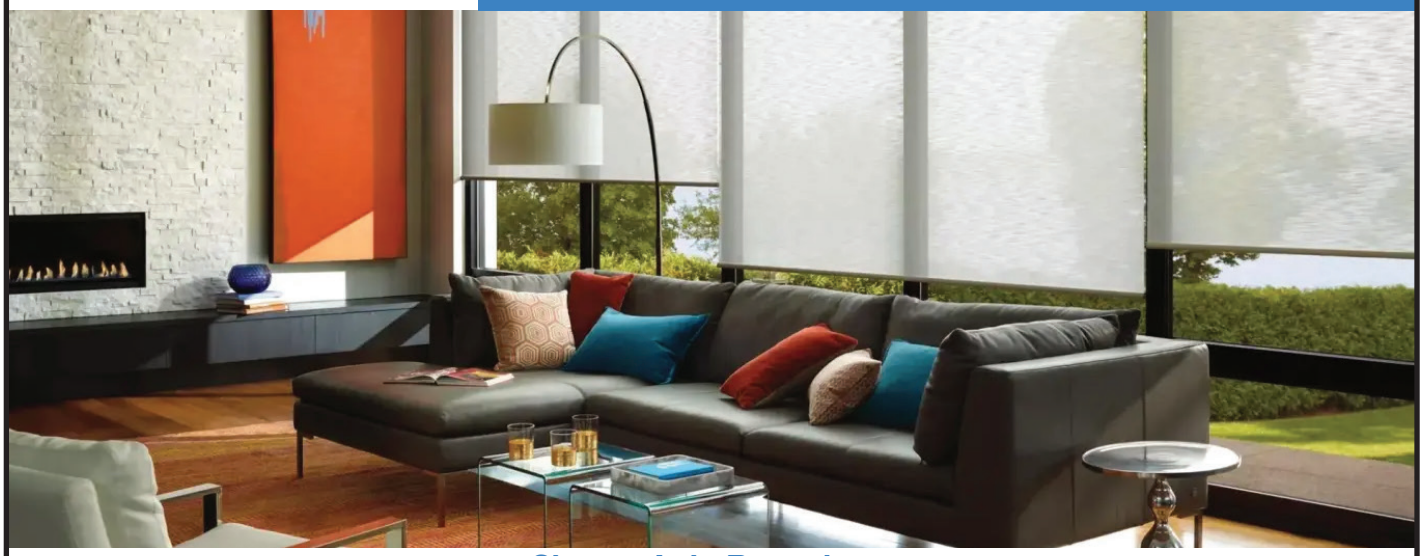
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City administrators and veterans from last year's ceremony. *Standing, from left:* Jillian DeLong, Josh Mintz, Eric Synenberg, Julio Pelsmejer, Jamey Appell, Jack Drage, Rob Martrel, Ashlee Reale, Burt Siebert, Andree Hassell, Don Balog, George Vourlojianis, Lt. Dave Person, Mo Safenovitz, Mayor Justin Berns, Danielle Shoykhet, and Rosemary Nemeth. *Sitting:* Al Muhle and Jalicia Ruffin.

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For years, Scott Morrison has captured the people, milestones, and moments that tell Beachwood's story. Now, the lens turns toward the accomplished photographer, filmmaker, community leader, and 2026 Hometown Hero whose creativity is matched only by his generosity. In this month's cover story, meet the man behind the camera – and discover the many passions that keep him inspired.

Cover Story, written by Debby Zelman Rapoport, begins on page 7.
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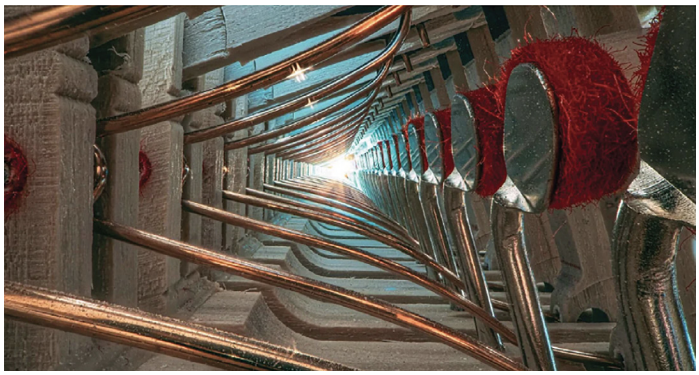
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The Chagrin Valley Camera Club invites you to see photography differently. The club welcomes beginners and accomplished photographers to participate in outstanding presentations, exhibitions, learning, and creative inspiration. Upcoming programs include:

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Internationally published photographer and former professional cellist Charles Brooks reveals the interiors of musical instruments as vast architectural spaces.



Inside a Steinway piano. Photo by Charles Brooks.

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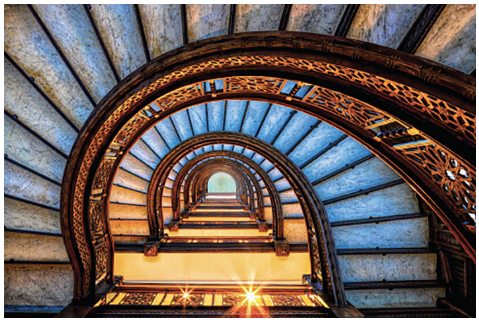


Photo by Chad Barr, CVCC president.

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Scott Morrison brings creativity, music, and community into focus

By Debby Zelman Rapoport
Photos by Scott Morrison, Discovery Photo



Scott always enjoys working on movie sets, especially when the air is warm and colors provide for the perfect backdrop.

Although Scott Morrison began his career in sales, photography was never far from his mind.

As a child, he used an Instamatic camera to photograph family gatherings. Later, when his work required him to travel, he purchased a high-quality camera to capture the striking landscapes along the way. Even though the scenery was breathtaking, his resulting photographs did not do it justice.

Rather than blame the camera, he set out to understand what was happening behind it. He read books, practiced, and took courses at the Rocky Mountain School of Photography, the Nikon School of Photography, the Cleveland Institute of Art, and EPIC. As his understanding of lighting, exposure, and composition grew, so did the quality of his photographs.

Before long, people began purchasing his landscape images and asking him to photograph their families, businesses, and special events. Photography then evolved from a personal interest into a promising side business.

Scott had graduated from the Florida Institute of Technology in 1983 with a triple major in management science, marketing, and computer science. Although his education and sales experience gave him a practical foundation for operating a business, turning his creative passion into a full-time career still required a leap of faith.

His wife, Liz, encouraged him to take that leap.

What began with a childhood camera and an eagerness to improve became Discovery Photo – a business through which Scott has documented countless people, milestones, and community events.

Decades later, he still considers himself fortunate to have built a career around work that he truly loves.

Behind the Camera

Scott formed Discovery Photo in 1991, while working for a video production company honing skills as a forensic photographer. He was also proficient in shooting professional headshots, families, models, weddings, corporate events, industrial sites, and architecture.

Event photography taught him the importance of technical precision and a reassuring presence, which are Scott's trademarks. Whether he is photographing an executive, a child, a model, or an entire family, he brings the person's character to the forefront – not a forced smile.

He works from his Beachwood studio and at locations throughout Greater Cleveland, and he is grateful for the variety because no two days are alike. "The best part of my job is the diversity," he said.

Scott approaches every assignment with a clear creative vision, carefully composing each image to tell the strongest possible story. His skill, preparation, and easygoing manner make even the most demanding photo shoots appear effortless. Some of his local clients include the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce, the City of Beachwood, Beachwood Schools, and *Beachwood Buzz*, along with additional businesses, nonprofit organizations, and individuals.

His photography has appeared in local, national, and international publications, including *Outdoor Photographer*, *Evidence Technology*, *Properties*, and *Beachwood Buzz*. His landscape and wildlife images have also been exhibited and are available as prints on canvas, metal, and metallic paper.

Those who work with Scott – myself included – know that his contributions extend far beyond the images he creates. Scott has been the *Beachwood Buzz* photographer since 2012. His calm demeanor puts people at ease, while his patience, enthusiasm, and sense of humor make him a welcome presence at every event.

Beachwood Chamber of Commerce

A 23-year member of the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce, Scott has served on its board for more than 10 years and as president for two.

His goals include growing membership, increasing the visibility of local businesses, increasing volunteerism, and creating valuable networking and educational opportunities. He also plans to strengthen the relationships among Beachwood's businesses and nonprofit organizations within our community and beyond.

Scott understands that the community's businesses have different needs. An independent entrepreneur may face challenges that differ from those of a major company or institution. By listening to members and creating opportunities for them to communicate and collaborate, he believes the Chamber can help all types of organizations flourish.

Supporting Beachwood's business community is important because the influence of local companies reaches far beyond the products and services they provide. They create jobs, contribute to charitable organizations, sponsor programs and events, and help give the city its distinctive character.

When residents and businesses support one another, the benefits extend throughout the community. On a personal note, he estimates that approximately 75 percent of his assignments come from referrals – and he is extremely generous with his time, often volunteering for nonprofit organizations, including the Chamber.

His progression from Chamber member to board member to president reflects the philosophy that has guided his career: Relationships matter, participation makes a difference, and success becomes more meaningful when it is shared.

"Scott has been involved with the Chamber for many years, providing steady leadership and demonstrating a willingness to participate and engage," said David Lapierre, Chamber director. "He helps organize groups and events and assists with just about everything. He is the ideal Chamber member – engaged, dependable, and willing to do whatever is needed to keep the organization moving forward on the right path. Scott is always ready to help and support the Chamber and our business community."

Beyond the Chamber, Scott has contributed his time and talents to organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters, InMotion, and The Gathering Place, just to name a few. Additionally, he teaches photography, works with students, and has donated nearly seven gallons of blood.

He is also a member of Forest City Lodge No. 388 in Lyndhurst, part of the world's largest fraternity. The lodge is dedicated to raising funds and helping others throughout the community. One of its largest annual events is Brotherhood Night, when members present thousands of dollars in donations to local organizations.

Turning the Lens

For years, Scott has been a familiar presence at Beachwood events, often standing on the sidelines with a camera in his hands. Now the lens is turned toward him, as a Bright Star, Shining Star, and Hometown Hero.

In 2023, the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce nominated him for the Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce Chamber Bright Star Award. The regional award recognizes an outstanding individual who has made a significant contribution to a local chamber and the community it serves.

For years, he had served as the Beachwood Chamber's dedicated volunteer photographer, capturing its milestones, networking events, ribbon-cutting ceremonies, and success stories of local businesses. He was also the longtime photographer for NOACC's regional Bright Star celebration.

When Chamber leaders selected someone to represent Beachwood on the regional stage, they decided it was time to honor the person behind the camera.

At the 2023 awards ceremony, Scott found himself playing two roles. He spent the evening moving around the venue with his camera, framing photographs and capturing other honorees as they received their awards.

Then, when his name was called, Scott briefly stepped out from behind the lens, walked onto the stage, and accepted his award. When the presentation ended, he picked up his camera and went back to work.

The moment reflected the qualities for which he was being honored: positivity, creativity, dedication, community engagement, and tireless behind-the-scenes service.

At the time, Scott served as Chamber secretary, sat on the executive board, and participated actively on several committees.

"The Beachwood Chamber of Commerce is a great organization," he said. "I have been very active over the years by attending events, being on several committees, and being a board member."

His advice to other Chamber members was simple: Become involved.

In 2024, Scott was again recognized by the Chamber – this time as its Bright Star Chamber Member of the Year.

Then, in 2026, he was selected as a Beachwood Hometown Hero in recognition of his professionalism, compassion, dependability, and longstanding service. This program is co-sponsored by the City of Beachwood and Beachwood Historial Society.

"Scott is someone people know they can count on – he's the first to offer assistance and the last to leave when the work is finished," said Mayor Justin Berns.



Scott proudly exhibits two Communicator Awards he was presented for photography at the 52nd Regional Emmy Awards ceremony.

Rosemary Nemeth, Beachwood Historical Society president, added, "Scott is a very special person and a true Hometown Hero who generously shares his remarkable talents behind the camera. He always captures beautiful photographs along with the special moments and people who make up our dynamic community."

Additionally, Scott has earned several awards for his photography and cinematography.

From Still Photography to Film

Scott's photography skills eventually opened a new creative door. After meeting models and other professionals connected to Northeast Ohio's film community, he began taking production stills and helping with lighting on local movie sets. His knowledge of professional lighting equipment made the transition feel natural.

"Lighting is lighting," he said.

His responsibilities expanded to include work as a gaffer, cinematographer, and behind-the-scenes photographer. He has accumulated more than 70 IMDb credits on independent movies, short films, festival projects, and miniseries.

Many of those productions were created by a close-knit group of Northeast Ohio filmmakers, including Johnny Wu of Media Design Imaging, Scott Brosius of White Midnight, and Tyler Thomas of Brutal Flowers.

"We're all friends," Scott said. "It doesn't really feel like work. We're making something out of nothing and telling a story. Then, when we see other people enjoying the finished product, it's always fun."

Scott's projects have ranged from suspense and action to martial arts and horror. His credits include *Revenge of Lilith*, *Evenfall*, and *Wu Lin*. Scott has also participated in numerous 48-hour film competitions, during which teams must create an entire movie over the course of one weekend, and has photographed regional Emmy events.

Film runs in his family. Scott told us that his uncle, who delivered a line in *The Sound of Music*, continued receiving royalties for years after the movie was created.

For Scott, filmmaking offers the same satisfaction he finds in photography: the chance to solve problems, collaborate with creative people, and transform an idea into something others can experience.

The Call of the Outdoors

Nature and wildlife photography remain especially meaningful to Scott. He has traveled to 48 states, photographing mountains, waterways, wildlife, and the dramatic landscapes of America's national parks.

Two places stand apart: Glacier National Park in Montana and Arches National Park in Utah.

Glacier offers mountains, lakes and seasonal wildflowers, while Arches presents a different world of red rock, open desert and unusual formations. Scott enjoys the contrast as much as the beauty. Each landscape brings its own atmosphere, challenges, and creative possibilities.

For beginning photographers, Scott offers advice rooted in his own experience: Learn the fundamentals, understand the camera, and do not be afraid to take control.

"Learn the basics of exposure and shoot manually," he said. "You want to be the creative force behind the camera instead of letting the camera be in control."

He also recommends using a tripod whenever possible. In addition to creating a sharper image, a tripod forces the photographer to slow down and think carefully about the composition.

Most importantly, he encourages photographers to experiment, make mistakes, and have fun.



Above: Scott captured this shot at Antelope Canyon perfectly – just as the sun was shining through.

Below: Scott carries his camera to the next shot, ready to bring the scene to life through his cinematography.



Growing Together

Creativity flourishes beyond Scott's studio and film sets – especially in the garden he shares with Liz. Both grew up gardening, and they have maximized nearly every available patch of growing space in their yard. They began with a fenced-in area for tomatoes, zucchini, and peppers – and now estimate that they harvest approximately 300 pounds of tomatoes in a typical season.

"We cook them down and can them," Liz said. "We also freeze and vacuum-seal produce."

Their garden now yields thyme, cilantro, mint, basil, onions, peppers, jalapeños, garlic, corn, cucumbers, potatoes, zucchini, and squash – along with catnip for the "little guy."

The Morrisons enjoy finding creative ways to use their harvest, and they give produce to family members, friends, and neighbors.

"We love to be self-sustaining," Scott said. "We produce amazing organic vegetables for about four months out of the year."



The garden's most unusual crop may be the hops, which complement another longtime interest: The Morrisons have been making beer for more than 30 years, and their homegrown hops allow them to add a personal touch to their IPAs.



Flowers, including marigolds, black-eyed Susans, and lilies, balance the productive garden. They also choose varieties that deer tend to avoid. A backyard pond, stocked with fish and adorned with blooming water lilies, adds beauty and tranquility to their backyard haven.

The space reflects the way Scott and Liz approach life: Cultivate what you love, try something new, and share the results with others.

In Tune With a New Challenge

Music has been part of Scott's life almost as long as photography.

He received his first drum set at age 12 and played in bands throughout high school and college. Performing on weekends also helped him earn extra money while attending the Florida Institute of Technology.

Although he played less frequently during the 1980s and 1990s, he returned to the instrument more seriously around 2010, using electronic drums to maintain peace with the neighbors.

More recently, Scott decided to learn guitar.

The inspiration came from a purple Les Paul guitar he spotted online. He could already picture himself playing it. There was just one problem: Scott is left-handed, and the guitar was not.

Above: St. Mary Lake in Glacier National Park, one of Scott's favorite landscapes.

Left: Scott and his son, Daniel, pick fresh hops in preparation for brewing their next batch of IPA.

Undeterred, he found a left-handed instrument – another Les Paul model – and began taking lessons. Shortly after joining School of Rock's adult program, he found himself participating in a group rehearsal and then performing onstage.

Through individual lessons, ensemble practices, and live performances, he has tackled songs including KISS' *Rock and Roll All Nite* and Rick Springfield's *Jessie's Girl*.

"Everyone is so nice and supportive," he said. "I'm having so much fun."

His musical influences include Ace Frehley, Eddie Van Halen, Zakk Wylde, James Hetfield and Goo Goo Dolls guitarist John Rzeznik. Learning to play has changed the way Scott listens to music.

He now notices the nuances of different guitars, pickups, tunings and techniques. He hears a solo and wonders how the musician created the sound. The experience has given him a new appreciation for the skill required to make each instrument speak with its own voice.

His instrument collection has grown along with his enthusiasm. Scott now has a newer drum set and 11 guitars, each offering a different sound, feel, and opportunity to learn.

The purple guitar that began this chapter also holds personal meaning. Purple represents sarcoidosis, an autoimmune disease that Liz lives with. The instrument is both a source of creative inspiration and a tribute to his wife.

Classic Cars

Scott's interests extend to classic automobiles.

His collection includes a 1964 Dodge Custom 880 convertible and two Toyota MR2s – a 1988 supercharged model and a 1987 model.

Like his photography career, the Dodge began with an unexpected opportunity. Scott acquired it in 1979 after it had been sitting for approximately 10 years. A basic tuneup and a new battery brought it back to life the following day.

His playful personality also comes through in a less conventional detail: Scott has a gold tooth bearing the Superman emblem – a small flash of personal style from someone accustomed to bringing out that quality in others.

Whether he is driving his convertible, practicing guitar, tending the garden, visiting a national park, or watching the sun set with Liz and their children, Scott approaches his interests with curiosity and enthusiasm.



Above: After beginning guitar lessons at School of Rock this year, Scott takes the stage for a live performance at the Grog Shop.
Below: Scott takes the wheel of his 1964 Dodge convertible, a treasured classic he purchased in 1979.

Creativity, Connection, and Community

Although photography is Scott's profession, creativity and connection run through nearly every part of his life: composing a portrait, lighting a film, documenting a Chamber event, learning a guitar riff, restoring a car, brewing an IPA, or cultivating a garden with Liz.

Although he describes himself as fortunate to have turned a hobby into a career, his story reflects far more than luck. It is a story of education, practice, persistence, adaptability, and years of showing up for others.

As editor and publisher of *Beachwood Buzz*, I'm honored to share Scott's story. Having worked with him for the past 14 years, I've seen firsthand how his talent is matched by his generosity. He consistently shows up for others, approaches every assignment with professionalism and enthusiasm, and makes our community stronger through his creativity, kindness, and willingness to help.

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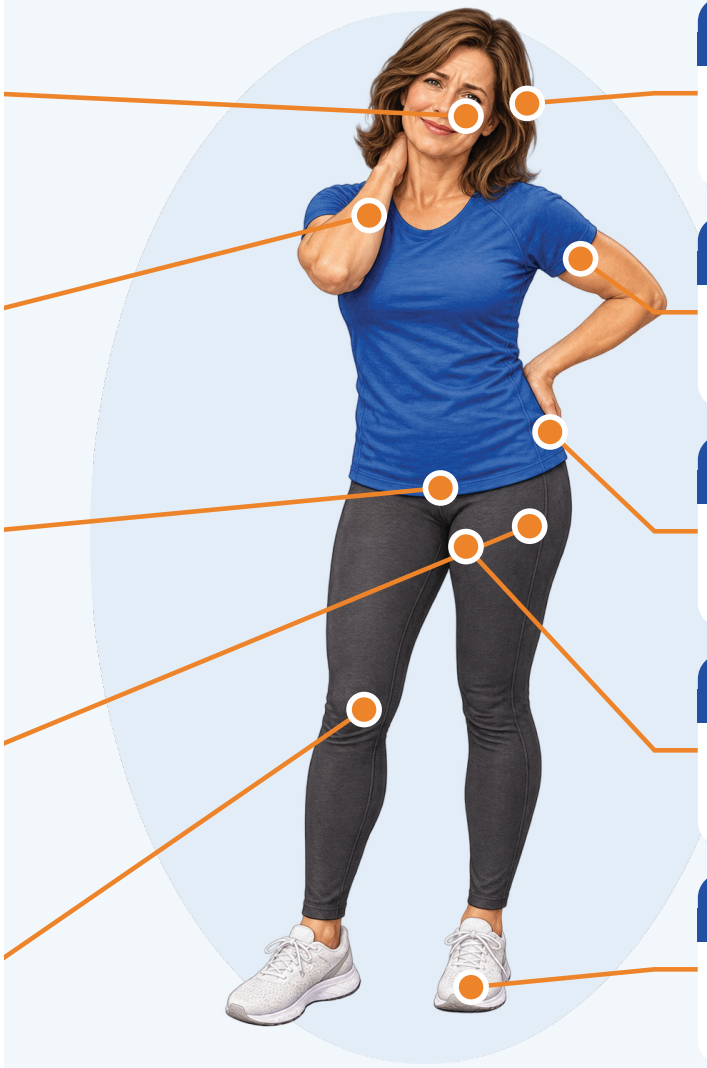
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Five Reasons a Family Trust Is Better Than a Simple Will

When planning for your loved ones, one common misconception is that you must be tremendously wealthy to benefit from a trust. In reality, families with estates of many sizes can benefit from avoiding probate, protecting an inheritance, and providing clear instructions for the future through use of a revocable family trust. In fact, a properly designed family trust can offer several advantages over a simple will and here are five reasons why.

1) Avoid Probate

Having a will is better than having no plan at all, but a last will and testament does not avoid probate court. Probate is the court-supervised process of administering an estate, addressing debts and expenses, and distributing assets. Depending on the estate, it can involve significant costs and take months or in most cases years to complete.

A properly drafted and funded revocable living trust allows assets held in the trust to pass to your beneficiaries without probate administration. Your successor trustee follows the instructions you established, without unnecessary court supervision. Trust administration still involves responsibilities and may involve expenses, but it can spare your family many of the steps associated with probate.

The key is funding: Signing a trust alone is not enough. Your assets must be properly titled in the trust or coordinated with it through appropriate beneficiary designations. Through collaboration, your attorney and financial planner work together with you to ensure the trust is properly funded.

2) Protection for Your Loved Ones

If you have minor children, a trust can be especially valuable. Minor children cannot legally inherit; moreover, they generally cannot manage it themselves. A trust allows you to choose a trustee to manage their inheritance and use it for their benefit, rather than leaving those decisions to a court-supervised arrangement.

The benefits can continue into adulthood. Depending on its terms and applicable law, a trust can help protect a child's inheritance from creditors, lawsuits, and complications arising from divorce. It can also provide safeguards for a beneficiary who struggles with spending. For example, instead of leaving a large sum outright to an adult child facing financial difficulties, you can authorize a trustee to manage the inheritance and make distributions under the standards you establish.

A trust can also help protect children in a blended family. Consider a wife with two children from a prior marriage who leaves everything outright to her husband. Although she hopes he will eventually leave those assets to her children, he may later remarry and create a new estate plan benefiting his new spouse. Her children could ultimately receive nothing.

A properly structured trust would eliminate this concern while providing support for the surviving spouse and preserving the remaining assets for the children. Even couples in a first marriage may want to address how remarriage could affect their family's inheritance. These protections depend on careful drafting. A revocable living trust does not protect your own assets from your creditors during your lifetime; protecting assets for yourself requires separate planning.

3) Privacy

Probate proceedings are entirely part of the public record. Information about your estate including names of next of kin, addresses, phone numbers, assets within the estate, and a complete copy of your will can be seen by a click of a button. In probate's accounting stage, the beneficiaries and distributions they received are also public. That exposure can be uncomfortable and may create opportunities for unwanted solicitations or scams.

A family trust offers greater privacy because its terms and routine administration do not have to be filed in probate court. Trustees still have disclosure obligations to beneficiaries but much of it is redacted for privacy. There is no need to file your trust with any government agency or organization. The document itself is completely private and most banks do not require a copy of the trust when funding it.

4) More Control Over an Inheritance

A simple will that leaves assets outright offers limited control over what happens after your beneficiaries receive them. A trust allows you to establish how and when an inheritance will be distributed, potentially for years after your death. For example, you might direct that your children receive portions of their inheritance at ages 30, 35, and 40, while allowing the trustee to provide support for education, health care, or other needs in the meantime. Alternatively, you may prefer to keep assets in trust longer to preserve protections for your beneficiaries.

If a beneficiary receives Medicaid or other benefits based on financial need, an outright inheritance could affect eligibility. A properly designed supplemental needs trust may allow you to provide additional support while preserving those benefits. Simply directing a trustee to withhold payments may not be enough; the trust must be tailored to the applicable rules.

5) A More Efficient Plan for Your Family

A trust typically may cost more to establish than a simple will, but the additional planning will reduce the expense and administrative burden your family faces later. It can also allow your successor trustee to manage trust assets during your incapacity, helping maintain continuity when you cannot handle matters yourself.

The time and cost savings depend on the complexity of assets, family circumstances, and the work required to administer the trust. A well-designed plan gives your loved ones a clear path forward and helps preserve the legacy you intend to leave.

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New Library Proposal: A Civic Hub on Fairmount Boulevard

A proposed new Beachwood Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library (CCPL) will bring more than books to Fairmount Boulevard. The project's conceptual plans include an Innovation Center, auditorium, outdoor amphitheater, and additional parking – plus improved athletic fields and a redesigned entrance intended to make the entire area safer for drivers and pedestrians.

CCPL officials presented an update on the project at the Sept. 22 Beachwood City Council meeting. The proposed branch will be built at 24601 Fairmount Blvd., on the site of the former Fairmount Early Childhood Center, with completion anticipated in early 2028.

The project brings together the library system, City of Beachwood, and Beachwood City Schools. Although the organizations approved a memorandum of understanding in March, the proposal remains conceptual. Final building and site plans, leases, and shared-use agreements must still be negotiated and approved.

"CCPL's Beachwood Branch will serve as an anchor to a civic campus on Fairmount Boulevard that will connect the library, ball fields, and the aquatic center," CCPL CEO Jamar O. Rahming said. "While books are still an important part of who we are, we continue to evolve as a critical community space that creates impactful experiences for all."

"The library system is leading this effort in scope and funding, with participation from the Beachwood City School District, the City of Beachwood, and Cuyahoga County," said Mayor Berns. "Because the proposed location is near existing municipal and recreational facilities, the city has an important opportunity to help evaluate how these entities can work together."

The Vision

"While going through our process of constructing a new preschool wing on the Bryden building, we floated the idea of relocating the library to our Fairmount site," said Dr. Robert Hardis, Beachwood Schools superintendent. "It conceptually worked since the library needs more space and the city showed interest in improving traffic flow at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center (BFAC) to slow vehicles entering the area."

Library officials determined that the existing site, owned by the Beachwood Board of Education, could not accommodate the envisioned building and the Fairmount property would allow for greater flexibility. Plus, this plan allows for the current branch to remain open during construction.

The overall design reflects feedback gathered during a 2024 community event, when residents asked for a warm, welcoming library with a stronger connection between its indoor and outdoor spaces.

The new building, designed by Cleveland-based CBLH Architecture with assistance from Group 4 Architecture, will house CCPL's 10th Innovation Center. Such centers provide technology and equipment for hands-on learning, digital creation, and other activities.

It will also include an auditorium with approximately 300 seats – along with a small amphitheater – making it possible to bring larger programs to the eastern portion of Cuyahoga County. The auditorium would also be available for community rentals.

"We've been asked why we need this space, since our high school and middle school have auditoriums," said Dr. Hardis. "Our spaces are regularly scheduled throughout the year and will not accommodate the library's availability requirements."

Plans call for a new signalized intersection at Fairmount and Shakercrest Boulevards that would become the entrance and exit for the library, Board of Education offices, and nearby city amenities – and Cuyahoga County has awarded $250,000 toward the infrastructure improvements.

"Safety remains our top priority," Mayor Berns said of the city's role in the proposal. "A redesigned entrance will improve safety by separating vehicle traffic from pedestrian access to these amenities."

The City of Beachwood will also expand the BFAC parking lot and is negotiating a shared-parking agreement with the library system.

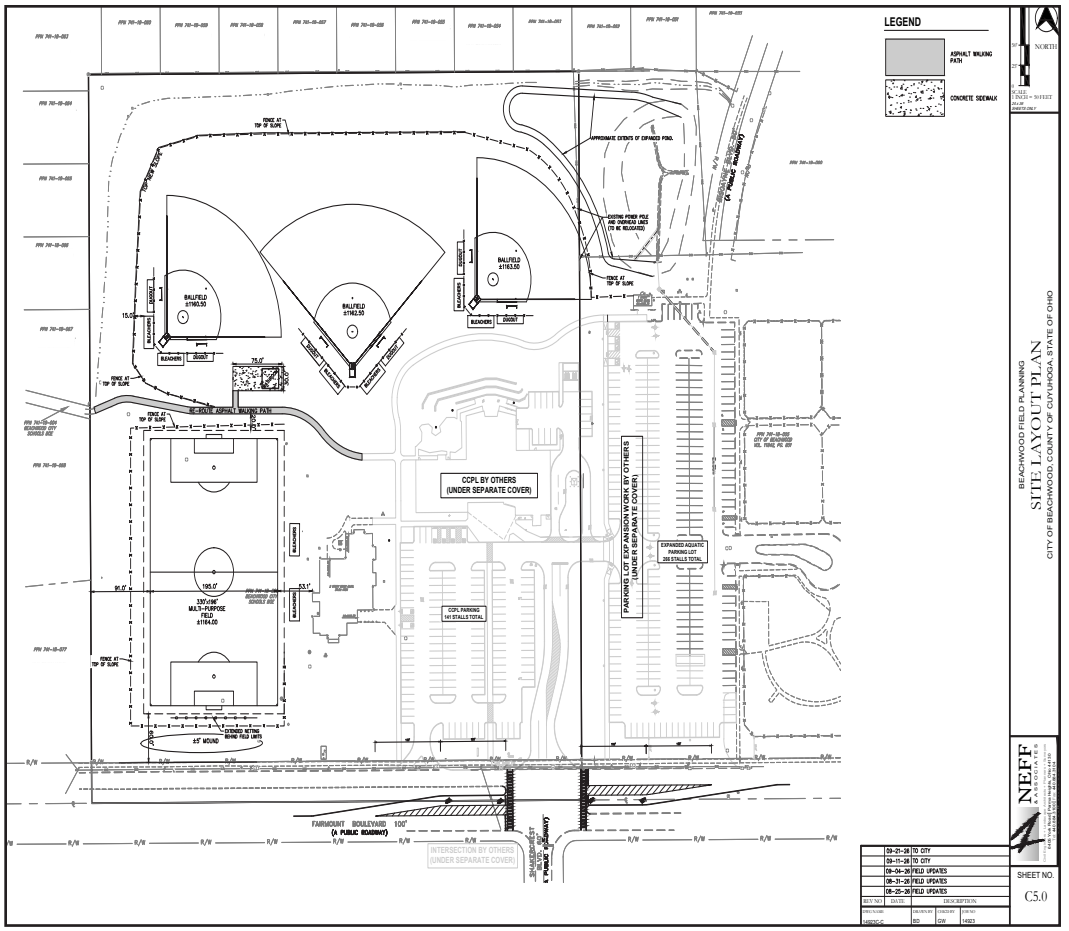
The library's site plan involves limited use of city property and an expansion of the existing stormwater-retention area. Those details, along with parking and other shared uses, will require additional city approvals and agreements.

Mayor Berns described the City Council presentation as an important milestone, while emphasizing the project's potential to strengthen Beachwood's civic center.

"The new Beachwood Branch will be more than a library – it will create new opportunities for education, creativity, and engagement," he said. "We are proud of the collaboration involved and enthusiastic about the regional impact this facility can have for generations to come."

Megan Walsh, Beachwood Board of Education president, echoed Mayor Berns' sentiments. "This project is an example of what can happen when community partners come together around a shared vision. The new library, along with improvements to the surrounding recreational spaces, will create opportunities for learning, gathering, and community connection."

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Conceptual design plans of the site and library's exterior.
Photos courtesy of the Cuyahoga County Public Library.

More Usable Recreation Space

Although the redevelopment would change the layout of the existing athletic fields, Dr. Hardis explained how it would produce a 73% increase in usable recreational space.

"The current overlap of the four diamonds limits the number of games that can be played simultaneously," he said. "The proposed configuration would include three fields that could be used at the same time, with one deeper field that will be capable of supporting programs such as Beachwood Middle School Softball and the Beachwood Men's Softball League."

Demolition of the former preschool building would also create room for a full-sized soccer field, which would better accommodate the middle school team and youth soccer program. The current soccer field overlaps the softball diamonds.

"The district and city will negotiate a shared-services agreement covering fields used by both the schools and recreation programs," Dr. Hardis said, adding that some athletic activities may need temporary homes during construction – details that they are currently working on.

"This plan will benefit athletes – and will also be a savings for the city and schools since much of the earthwork required to complete these projects will be paid for by the library."

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Future of the Current Library Site

Once the new library opens, occupancy of the current Beachwood Branch will transfer to the Beachwood Board of Education – and will then be used for its high school Design & Innovation Program, a four-year pre-engineering course sequence. The program, which includes computer-aided design, prototyping, 3D printing, laser cutting, and fabrication, currently operates across several retrofitted spaces.

Dr. Hardis told us that students would travel between the high school and the building by shuttle.

This new space will also be used by the Beachwood High School Robotics team, which now utilizes space off-site, thanks to the generosity of the team's coach. Additionally, the district's information technology department, which currently uses two preschool rooms, will be relocated into the former library branch.

"This is more cost-effective than our previous plan to construct an addition to the high school. The branch space will be easily renovated and is larger than was our planned addition. We hope to use interest earned from the elementary school bonds," Dr. Hardis said, "and because the existing building has a relatively new roof and HVAC, the anticipated investment will mostly go toward funding aesthetic improvements and specialized equipment."

Benefits Recap

CCPL

CCPL will achieve its design vision with fewer constraints, providing more services to the community. It will also be open at its current location until the new branch opens.

City of Beachwood

The city will construct a new parking entrance that will be safer, because its design will force people to slow down. It will also have overflow parking at the library when needed – and earthwork costs for the project will be funded by the library. Plus, recreation teams will benefit from updated fields.

Beachwood Schools

Demolition of the preschool building and isolating the utilities on the Board of Education building will be absorbed in the library's budget. Usable recreation space for youth sports will be increased by 73%, with a full-sized soccer field and three softball diamonds that can be used simultaneously.

The next phase will focus on refining the building and site designs, reviewing costs, and negotiating the agreements needed among the library system, city, and school district. All three entities must agree to the final plan before the project can proceed.

Questions? Please submit them to the appropriate entity:

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The Darl Center for the Arts, founded in Cleveland in October 2022, is a captivating trove of more than 400 paintings, sculptures, curios, antiques, artifacts, and other mementos collected by the center's owner, Darl Schaaf, during his years of travel. The collection is housed in the old Carnegie Library, which was built in 1904 and is one of the few 10-sided buildings in the United States.

Please join us for a tour of this historic building, led by Darl, and view the center's amazing collection. BAC members, $10; non-members, $15. Call 216.595.3400 by Friday, Nov. 6, for reservations.

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Cranberry Crumble Pie Bars

Pie crusts are daunting. Perhaps that is why pie bars, also known as dessert bars, bar cookies, or squares, were created.

While developed during the mid-20th century, bar cookies, according to Pillsbury, became increasingly common during their 1970s bake-off competitions. These treats are baked in flat pans and cut into squares. Brownies, blondies, and lemon squares are among the most popular bar desserts. Whether their bottoms are piecrust-like or lean toward a shortbread, they do not require any rolling out, eliminating the overwhelming task of making homemade pie crust.

For a different dessert this Thanksgiving, try my adapted SallysBakingAddiction.com recipe for Cranberry Crumble Pie Bars. Enjoy!



Abbie Nagler Sender, an award-winning baker, is the owner of BAKED by Abbie, a home-bakery that offers customized baked goods with a Jewish twist.

Ingredients

- 3 C all purpose flour
- 1 C granulated sugar
- 1 t baking powder
- 1/4 t salt
- 1 t ground cinnamon or cardamom
- 1 C (2 sticks) unsalted butter, cold and cubed
- 1 large egg
- 1 C milk (whole works best)
- 2 t vanilla
- 1/3 C sliced almonds (optional)

Filling

- 4 C cranberries, fresh or frozen (do not thaw)
- 3/4 C granulated sugar
- 1 T cornstarch
- 2 t orange zest
- 1 T fresh orange juice

Glaze (Optional)

- 1 T fresh orange juice
- 1/2 C confectioner's sugar

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350° F. Line a 9x13-inch baking pan with parchment paper with enough overhang on sides to easily remove from the pan. Set aside.
- Crumble: Whisk flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, and cinnamon together in a large bowl. Using a pastry cutter, two forks or a food processor, cut in the butter until the flour is coated and resembles pea-sized crumbs. Will take a few minutes if not using a food processor.
- Whisk the egg, milk, and vanilla together in a small bowl. Pour over the flour mixture and gently mix until the mixture resembles moist crumbly sand. Set aside 2 C of this mixture.
- Pour remaining mixture into the prepared pan and flatten down with a flat spatula to even out crust. Mixture will be sticky and crumbly. Set aside.
- Filling: Mix ingredients together in a medium sized bowl and spread over the crust. Drop spoonfuls of the remaining crumbled mixture over the cranberries. Sprinkle almonds on top, if using.
- Bake 40-50 minutes or until top is lightly browned and a toothpick comes out mostly clean. Remove from oven. Allow bars to cool completely in the pan before glazing.
- Glaze: Whisk ingredients together. Drizzle over cooled bars. Cut into squares.



Abbie Helps Women Find Connection Through Challah

Abbie Sender is bringing her love of baking and community to Jewish Family Experience through Challah Connections, a three-part series that invites women to explore Jewish tradition with their hands – and their hearts.

Facilitated by Abbie and Audrey Weiss, each gathering will combine hands-on challah baking with learning and conversation. Participants may attend an individual session or register for the complete series, which begins in November and concludes in June.

The first class, "Savory Challahs," will be held Nov. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will experiment with savory fillings and seasonal flavors, including everything bagel seasoning, za'atar, garlic, rosemary, dried tomato, and pumpkin spice.

The series will continue March 7 with "Purim Challahs." Participants will make sweet challahs shaped like Queen Esther's crown, or hamantaschen triangles filled with ingredients such as cinnamon, sugar, raisins, dates, and figs.

The final session, "Shavuot Challahs," will take place June 6. Bakers will create challahs inspired by the holiday, including designs resembling the tablets, a stairway to heaven, or the tree of life. The program will also include a guest speaker.

For Abbie, who began baking as a teenager and later launched BAKED by Abbie, challah offers more than an opportunity to make something delicious. It is also a way to preserve tradition, encourage creativity, and bring people together.

All three programs will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Jewish Family Experience, 2200 S. Green Rd., in University Heights. The complete series costs $54 for JFX members and $60 for nonmembers. Individual classes are $25, with late or at-the-door registration costing $36.

More information and registration are available through the Jewish Family Experience website.



Standing Together: An Evening with Van Jones and Jonah Platt, and The Big Encore

Standing Together: An Evening with Van Jones and Jonah Platt, and The Big Encore, will take place Thursday, Nov. 5, at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, 27501 Fairmount Blvd, Pepper Pike. The program will run from 7:30-9 p.m., followed by the Big Encore, an event for young adults ages 22-45.

Join us as we host CNN's Van Jones and actor, producer, and writer Jonah Platt for a candid conversation about building stronger alliances and identifying impactful ways for the Jewish community and its allies to support one another amid rising division, antisemitism, and hate.

Van Jones is a CNN host, Emmy Award-winning producer, bestselling author, and renowned social entrepreneur. He has spent his career bringing people together across differences to advance meaningful change in areas including clean energy, criminal justice reform, and civic engagement.

Jonah Platt is a leading voice on Jewish identity, culture, and current events. Known for his work on Broadway's *Wicked* and the Oscar-nominated film *Being the Ricardos*, he also hosts the podcast *Being Jewish with Jonah Platt*.

Young adults ages 22-45: Stay for the encore. When the program ends, join YLD for our signature Campaign celebration. At The Big Encore, step into an after-hours world of live jazz, specialty cocktails and mocktails, and late-night bites.

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I Hope To Be More Like Dolly

By Jennifer Stern

As we witness the breakdown of moral and ethical standards, core values, and basic trust and norms of a decent society in the most disheartening of ways, it is important to remember those who live with purpose, authentic kindness, compassion, and generosity of spirit.

Dolly Parton lived with strength, compassion, and authentic generosity. She took the painful and challenging hardships of her childhood and turned them into good deeds that positively impacted the lives of others.

At a time when cuts are being made to education, to programs that support and empower women and children, to medical research, to health and safety regulations and programs that make life livable, safe, and healthy – I think of Dolly.

She started the Dollywood Foundation in 1988 to reduce the number of high school dropouts. Her Buddy Program gave $500 to every seventh and eighth grader who graduated high school, reducing the dropout rate from 35% to 6%. She believed in the power of education and investing in the lives of those who often fall through the cracks.

In 1995, she began the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in honor of her dad who could not read. Her foundation mails, for free, books every month to kids from birth to age 5. Having gifted more than 300 million books to children around the world, she wanted children to have access to books that teach, inspire, guide, and foster imagination.

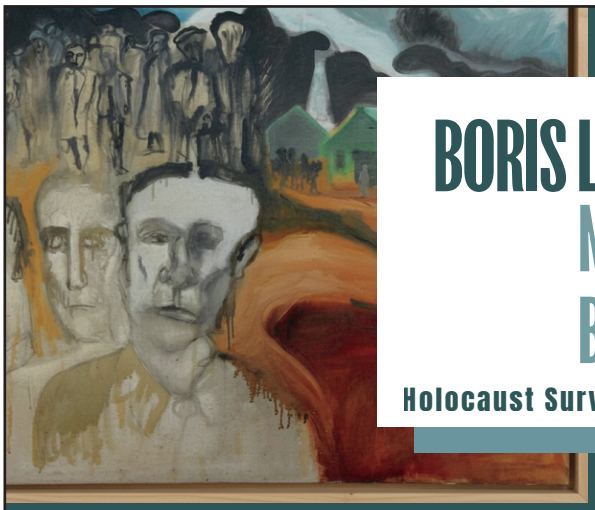
Dolly believed that education should be accessible to everyone, so she created the Dollywood GROW U program, which offers more than 100 fully funded diploma, degree, and certificate programs to Dollywood full- and part-time employees.

She donated $1 million to Vanderbilt University Medical Center for COVID-19 vaccine research and has donated millions to pediatric hospitals for cancer and infectious disease research. She believed in the importance of medical research to better understand, treat, and hopefully eradicate disease.

Dolly launched the My People Fund which distributed $12 million in total to families whose homes were destroyed by wildfires and $1 million for Hurricane Helene Relief. She believed in being responsive in meaningful ways to help with restoration during difficult times. She offered support to those in need based on their humanity, not their politics, religion, or ethnicity.

Dolly used her life, success, and fortune to help children and families, to care for people, and to make people's lives better in meaningful ways. I am inspired by her spirit, her kindness, and the impact of her values in action. I hope we choose to live more like Dolly.

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Thomas Jefferson and the Peaceful Transfer of Power

By State Senator Kent Smith

What makes America great is the peaceful transfer of power. I know we don't always get it right. We had a Civil War and an attempted insurrection but, for most of our 250 years, we have successfully passed the reins of power.

The presidency first changed hands between bitter rivals in 1800. John Adams had defeated Thomas Jefferson in a fiercely contested election in 1796, but Jefferson won their rematch four years later.

That was the first time in American history that governance changed hands from one political party to another.

In his inaugural address, Jefferson reminded our very young nation how unusual this was in world history.

Referring to the election results, Jefferson said, "This being now decided by the voice of the nation, announced according to the rules of the Constitution ... though the will of the majority is in all cases to prevail, that will to be rightful must be reasonable; [and] the minority possess their equal rights, which equal law must protect, and to violate would be oppression."

Jefferson was saying the majority has the power because they won the election – a power with respect and restraint.

If you get thrown out of power in other nations, you go to prison or worse. In America, those out of power would not be persecuted by those in power. Jefferson was not in the revenge business. He was in the nation building business. Remember, Jefferson was speaking from personal experience. He had lost just four years earlier.

He continued, "Let us, then, fellow-citizens, unite with one heart and one mind. Let us restore to social intercourse that harmony and affection without which liberty and even life itself are but dreary things."

The man who wrote of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" was reminding us that, in this country, we are citizens, not subjects. We get to pursue happiness. We get to build a better nation – and our government of the people is stronger when we stand together than when we splinter apart.

Jefferson was saying that election results – not intimidation, persecution, and certainly not violence – determine who leads us. But once the votes are counted, we all have an equal stake in the country we are building and an equal opportunity to pursue happiness and the American dream.

> Jefferson was not in the revenge business. He was in the nation-building business.

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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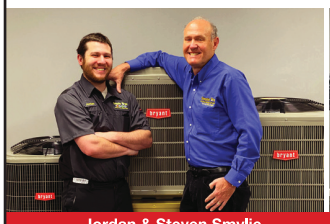


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The Mayor's Message
The People Behind Beachwood's Success



Dear Beachwood Residents and Businesses,

As Thanksgiving approaches, I'm reflecting on the people who make Beachwood such a special place to live, work, and raise a family. While we often measure our city's success by the quality of our public safety, city services, facilities, and community programs, the dedication of the people behind those efforts truly makes the difference.

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Throughout the year, our city employees work tirelessly to provide the exceptional level of service our residents have come to expect. Much of that work takes place behind the scenes. Our Public Works crews have spent the summer months maintaining our roads, completing infrastructure improvements, and caring for our public spaces. As temperatures begin to drop, they are preparing the equipment and resources needed to keep our streets safe throughout the winter.

That same dedication shows up across every city department, and sometimes it extends well beyond the job.

Recently, members of our Fire Department responded to a call involving a young resident whose leg had become trapped in a bicycle. After safely freeing the child, the firefighters learned the rescue had damaged the bicycle. Rather than moving on to their next assignment, they went a step further, using their own money to buy a new bicycle and deliver it to the child that same day. This thoughtful act of generosity speaks volumes about the compassion and character of the people who serve our community.

Our Community Services team also demonstrated its creativity and adaptability during this year's Fall Festival. Their imaginative Journey Across America theme, celebrating our nation's 250th anniversary, gave Beachwood families a memorable experience. When rain threatened to force the event indoors, the team quickly adapted, transforming the Beachwood Police Department garage into a welcoming festival space on short notice. Their resourcefulness and dedication ensured a successful celebration despite the unexpected challenges.

This year's Fall Festival also received more support from community partners and sponsors than any other city event. That extraordinary level of participation reflects the strong relationships we have built with local businesses and organizations that generously invest in our community. I sincerely appreciate every partner who helped make this celebration possible.

As Mayor, I have the privilege of seeing firsthand the commitment of our employees, the generosity of our community partners, and the many ways residents contribute to making Beachwood a wonderful place to call home.

This Thanksgiving, I encourage everyone to take a moment to recognize the people who make a positive difference in their lives and in our community. To our city employees, volunteers, local businesses, community partners, and residents, thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,



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Beachwood Legislative Update

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

Community Engagement: The upgraded audio system in Conference Room A at Beachwood City Hall was installed after City Council approved the project on July 13. Residents watching committee meetings held in Conference Room A will notice clearer, higher-quality audio and an improved viewing experience.

Fiscal Responsibility: City Council unanimously approved legislation designating the former Fairmount Temple building as blighted under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 725 during the Oct. 5 meeting. The designation preserves potential redevelopment financing tools for future consideration. The City intends to take the necessary steps to demolish the deteriorating structure as promptly as possible, better positioning the property for future redevelopment.

Infrastructure Improvements: City Council voted to accept a $250,000 grant from Cuyahoga County toward the cost of constructing a new intersection at Fairmount Boulevard and Shakercrest Boulevard as part of the proposed Cuyahoga County Public Library Beachwood Branch project. The grant, approved by council on Sept. 22, will help offset the city's cost associated with the planned intersection improvements.



Proposed Library Project Presented to City Council

Cuyahoga County Public Library (CCPL), along with Beachwood City Schools and the City of Beachwood, presented the proposed new Beachwood Branch Library project at the Sept. 22 City Council meeting.

The project remains in the conceptual stage, and planning and discussions among the three organizations are continuing.

Learn more about the proposed library project on page 16. Residents can also view the full presentation on the city's website through the Agenda Center for the Sept. 22 City Council meeting.

An exterior rendering of the proposed library project.

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

Beachwood Connect: Community Engagement & Public Service

Being an engaged resident means more than staying informed; it means knowing how to make your voice heard and discovering opportunities to help shape Beachwood's future.

In this month's Beachwood Connect, we're highlighting the many ways residents can connect with their local government and play an active role in our community. Whether you have a question or concern for City Council or the Administration, want to participate in a public meeting, or are interested in serving on a city board or commission, there are numerous resources and opportunities available to you.

From contacting elected officials and participating in public comment opportunities to volunteering for public service and attending community events, we'll explore how residents can get involved, share their perspectives, and contribute to Beachwood's continued success. The full article is available on BeachwoodOhio.com/connect or scan the QR code.



Mayor Berns with Rochelle Hecht who retired in December 2025 after more than two decades on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

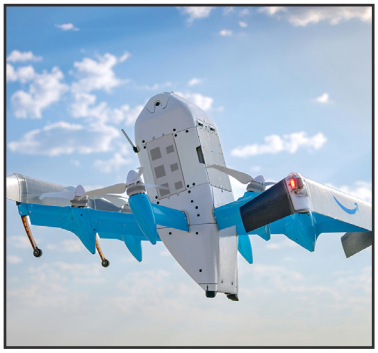
City Council:
Nov. 2 at 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Architectural Board of Review:
Nov. 2 at 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Work - Live - Learn - Thrive

Drone Activity in Beachwood: What Residents Should Know



As delivery drones become more visible in the community, the City of Beachwood has received questions from residents about drone flights, including concerns about noise, flight frequency, altitude, and drones operating near residential properties.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulates the nation's airspace and drone flight activity. While the city has oversight related to drone takeoffs and landings on municipal property, it does not control the airspace above private property or determine where federally authorized drones may fly.

Residents with concerns about drone flight paths, altitude, frequency, or other operational issues should contact the FAA's Flight Standards District Office for Northeast Ohio at 440-686-2001, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Concerns may also be submitted at any time through the FAA DroneZone website at faadronezone-access.faa.gov.

Residents with concerns specifically related to Amazon Prime Air should contact Amazon directly. Property owners may request that Amazon opt their address out of drone delivery operations, including requesting a no-fly restriction for their property. Amazon, not the city, administers these requests. Residents may contact Amazon by emailing amazondronefeedback@amazon.com, calling 1-888-280-4331, or using customer-support chat through Amazon's Help page.

The city understands residents may have concerns about the increasing presence of drones. While Beachwood's regulatory authority is limited, the city will continue to help residents identify the appropriate agency or company to contact regarding drone-related questions and concerns.

Fall Community Shred Day Results

Thank you to the 362 residents who participated in Beachwood's Fall Shred Day. Together, they securely shredded and recycled 9,180 pounds of paper — more than 4.5 tons. The event provides residents with a convenient way to safely dispose of sensitive documents while keeping thousands of pounds of paper out of the waste stream.

This free service is made possible through a Recycling Awareness Grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District and supports the city's ongoing efforts to encourage responsible recycling practices.

Beachwood offers residents two free shred day events each year, one in the spring and another in early fall.



Left to right: Mayor Berns, Massimo Pinzone, Matt Powalie, Rob Acker, Matt Miller, and Audit Director Harvey Rose

HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION: Due to Thanksgiving, rubbish and recycling will not be collected on Thursday, Nov. 26. If your normal collection day is Thursday, your collection will be Wednesday, Nov. 25. All other days are not impacted. For special collections after the holiday, call 216.292.1922 by noon on Monday, Nov. 30.

Beachwood Welcomes New and Returning Public Servants

Moses Safenovitz was reappointed to the City's Audit Committee. A Beachwood resident for 45 years, Safenovitz has served on the committee through successive two-year appointments since 2020. A Certified Public Accountant with nearly 50 years of professional experience, he is also a proud U.S. Navy veteran.

The Beachwood Police Department also welcomed Kyle Stogues as a School Resource Officer. Stogues retired from the Cleveland Division of Police in 2022 as a sergeant following a distinguished law enforcement career. He then spent nearly three years working in security with the Jewish Federation of Cleveland in Beachwood, where he developed a strong connection to the community.



Moses Safenovitz with Council President Danielle Shoykhet.



Left to right: Deputy Chief Resek, Mayor Berns, SRO Stogues, Chief Grispino, and SRO Pekarski

A More Supportive Space: Beachwood Police Open Soft Interview Room

The Beachwood Police Department has added a new "soft interview room" to provide a more comfortable, supportive environment for victims, witnesses, children, and others who may be interviewed after a traumatic experience.

City Prosecutor Nathalie Supler led the project, seeing an opportunity to create a valuable resource for both the Police Department and the individuals it serves. Unlike a traditional interview room, the space uses principles of trauma-informed care to create an environment that feels less institutional and more welcoming.

The concept was inspired by Project Beloved: The Molly Jane Mission, a nonprofit organization that works with law enforcement agencies across the country to create soft interview rooms. Research and experience behind the concept recognize that trauma can affect how an individual processes information and communicates an experience. Creating a space where someone feels physically and emotionally comfortable can help support the interview process.

Beachwood's room was designed with that goal in mind, including the paint color, furnishings, and lighting. The space offers comfortable furniture, softer lighting, and sensory items intended to reduce the clinical feeling of a traditional interview space.

The city thanks Supler for leading the initiative, Police Chief Dan Grispino and Mayor Justin Berns for supporting the project, and the Beachwood Public Works Department for bringing the new space together.



City Prosecutor Nathalie Supler and Chief Grispino pictured in the new soft interview room.



Walk to School Day

Mayor Justin Berns and the Beachwood Police Department joined Beachwood Schools and the University Hospitals Safe Kids Coalition to celebrate National Walk to School Day.

Hilltop Elementary students walked and biked to school while learning important safety tips and highlighting the health and environmental benefits of choosing an active way to get to school.

The annual event encourages students and families to practice safe walking and biking habits while enjoying an active start to the school day.



SRO Pekarski, Chief Grispino, and Mayor Berns on National Walk to School Day with the Hilltop Elementary students.

E-Bike and E-Scooter Rules

As electric bicycles and scooters become increasingly common in Beachwood, City Council recently updated the Beachwood Codified Ordinances to promote safe, responsible riding throughout the community.

The updated rules require riders younger than 18 to wear a protective helmet when operating an e-bike or e-scooter. The ordinance also prohibits operating an e-bike with its motor engaged on sidewalks and adds requirements governing where and how e-bikes and e-scooters may be used.

Whether you ride regularly or are considering an e-bike or e-scooter, take a few minutes to review the rules before heading out. Review the quick reference guide for an at-a-glance summary of Beachwood's e-bike and e-scooter regulations.

Class	Roads	Bike Lanes	Sidewalks	Shared Paths & Trails
Class 1 & 2 *with motor engaged* (E-bikes up to 20 MPH)	✓	✓	✗	Maximum 10 MPH
Class 3 (Pedal-assist up to 28 MPH)	✓	✓	✗	✗
E-Scooters	✓	✓	Maximum 5 MPH	Maximum 10 MPH

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November Recreation Guide

Beachwood Fall Fest: A Little Turbulence, A Lot of Fun

What a journey! More than 4,000 attendees packed Beachwood's Ninth Annual Fall Festival, presented by Crestmont Automotive, for activites, entertainment, unique experiences and family fun. Despite a few unexpected detours and some weather-related turbulence, the adventure continued indoors, creating memories from coast to coast!

Read the full festival recap on page 31.



The Statue of Liberty brought to life at Beachwood's Ninth Annual Fall Festival.



Magician Rick Smith Jr. performing a card trick with Mayor Justin Berns.



Beachwood brought the fun indoors on Sunday, Oct. 11 utilizing the Beachwood Police Department garage.



The fireworks finale, sponsored by Velocity Clinical Research, following the kickoff concert with The Spazmatics on Saturday, Oct. 10.









Fall Festival photography provided by Discovery Photo.

BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY: **A Celebration of Creativity | Nov. 18 - Jan. 3 | Artists' Reception: Nov. 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**
Lillian Lee, Fred Kessler, and Maureen Lanza showcase their work and distinct creative perspectives.

Senior Prom Through the Decades, Dec. 17

Celebrate "Prom Through the Decades" with an afternoon of memories, music and dancing spanning the '50s through today! Featuring a lively fashion show, this special celebration is sure to have you smiling and stepping onto the dance floor.

Enjoy lunch with your choice of braised beef or stuffed shells, served with potato pancakes, sour cream, salad and a roll. A beverage and dessert are included. Participants can also sign up for a free hair and makeup touch-up before the event.

This event is sponsored by Cornerstone Caregiving, Prosper at Wickliffe, Foundations Health, Find Me Senior Care, SilverBirch and DentaCard, with a photo booth provided by Statement Nail & Wax Lounge. Support is provided by the talented students at Beachwood High School. Registration is $14 for residents and $17 for non-residents. Sign up by Dec. 11 at BeachwoodRec.com or call 216.292.1970.



Instructor Spotlight: David Sacks



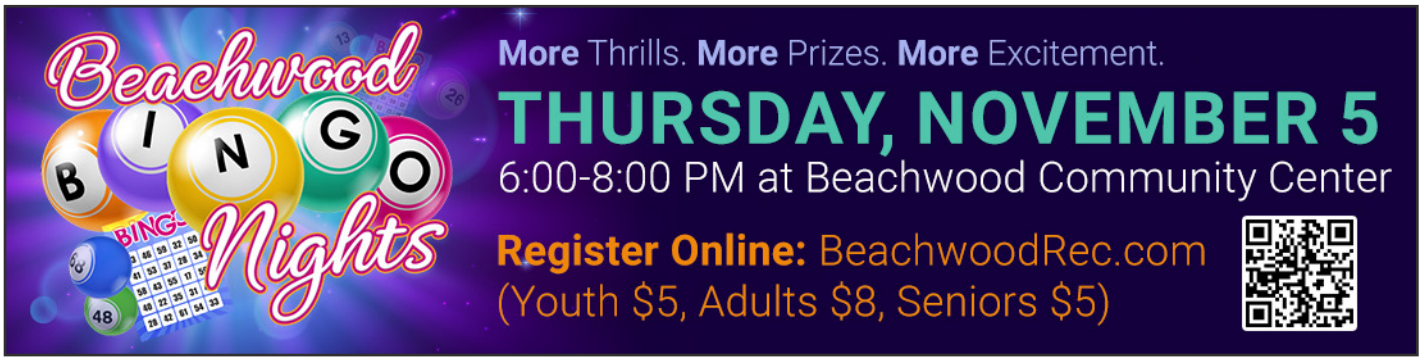
David Sacks' love of dogs began with an unlikely assignment. At age 5, his dad convinced him that cleaning up the backyard after their first dog was a "big boy job." David fell for it, and a lifelong passion was born.

That early connection grew into work with a major pet supply retailer and multiple animal shelters, along with volunteer service for several rescue groups. In 2014, David decided to turn his experience and enthusiasm into a career as a professional dog trainer.

He chose Animal Behavior College because its philosophies and basic training methods aligned with his own beliefs. The program helped him build on the methods he was already using. After graduating as an Animal Behavior College Certified Trainer in May 2015, he opened D.A.S. Dog Training, LLC, offering group classes and working with private clients.

David now brings that experience to Beachwood's Smarty Paws - Basic Obedience Dog Training class which has held sessions for approximately a year at the Community Center. The next session begins Monday, Nov. 9. Register at BeachwoodRec.com or call Community Services at 216.292.1970.





Beachwood Seniors

- **Beginner Mahj Lessons with Fern Grunberger**
  Mondays, Nov. 2-Nov. 23, 12:30 p.m., Community Center

  BAM! CRACK! Beginning mahj lessons are BACK! The game helps develop critical thinking, situational awareness and social intelligence. Open to residents ($49) and non-residents ($60). This class is only for beginners. Register today.

- **Drawing Class with Marlene Weinstein**
  Tuesdays, Nov. 3-Dec. 15, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m., Community Center

  Marlene's November session will create original images through collage using a variety of papers, textures, and mixed materials. New students should enroll in the morning session. Open to residents ($96) and non-residents ($106). The studio fee is now built into the registration cost. Sign up today.

November Meet & Eat

Tischler Klezmer Orchestra (TKO)
Thursday, Nov. 19, Noon, Community Center
Residents $14, Non-Residents $17, Program only $6

The Tischler Klezmer Orchestra invites you on a joyful musical journey through the vibrant traditions of Eastern European Jewish folk music. Under the spirited direction of Moss Stanley, TKO brings a high-energy performance that celebrates the joy, rhythm and soul of klezmer.

Meal choice includes turkey with gravy or stuffed butternut squash. All entrees served with a stuffing, harvest salad, croissant, beverage and dessert. Gluten free option available.

Sign up at BeachwoodRec.com by Nov. 13. Sponsored by Cornerstone Caregiving.

Where Business Is Booming!
The Latest News From Economic Development

Preparing Northeast Ohio's Workforce for Tomorrow

As technology, automation and evolving business trends reshape the workplace, preparing the next generation of skilled professionals has never been more important.

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) recently brought that conversation to Beachwood, hosting its Future of Work Conference at the college's Eastern Campus. The half-day event united business leaders, educators and workforce development professionals from across Northeast Ohio to explore emerging workforce challenges and opportunities.

A central theme of the conference was the growing importance of flexible, skills-based education that responds to changing employer needs. Participants discussed how educational institutions and businesses can work together to equip current and future employees with the knowledge, technical skills and adaptability needed to succeed in an evolving economy.



The Fireside Chat session during the Future of Work Conference.

The event also highlighted the value of collaboration between educators and employers. By sharing insights and identifying workforce needs, these partnerships can help strengthen career pathways, address skills gaps and build a more competitive regional workforce.

With Beachwood serving as home to Tri-C's Eastern Campus and a diverse business community, conversations like these reinforce the importance of connecting education with economic opportunity. The conference demonstrated how regional collaboration can help prepare Northeast Ohio's workforce for the jobs of today and the opportunities of tomorrow.

OhioX Explores AI's Growing Impact on Business

Artificial intelligence is changing how businesses operate, and OhioX recently brought technology and industry leaders together in the Beachwood area for its annual *State of AI* event to examine its growing influence.

OhioX

Through expert-led panel discussions, attendees explored practical applications of AI, including data analysis, customer engagement and operational efficiency. Speakers also addressed the importance of establishing responsible AI policies, protecting trust and helping employees navigate emerging technologies.

The event reinforced a key takeaway: AI is no longer a technology of the future — it is actively reshaping how businesses operate today. Organizations that thoughtfully embrace its potential while prioritizing responsible implementation will be better positioned to innovate, remain competitive and navigate an increasingly technology-driven economy.

Empowering Local Entrepreneurs for Success

Entrepreneurship fuels innovation, job growth and a stronger regional economy. Cuyahoga Community College's (Tri-C) Center for Entrepreneurs supports new and established business owners with resources, mentorship and education to turn ideas into thriving ventures.

On Nov. 9, Tri-C's Rooted & Rising series — powered by the Burton D. Morgan Foundation — will feature *Overcoming Self-Doubt and Building Self-Worth*, a program focused on helping entrepreneurs build confidence, resilience and personal strength.

The session underscores a key truth: Success requires more than a great idea. Confidence, adaptability and determination are essential to bringing any vision to life.

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Beachwood's Ninth Annual Fall Festival Takes Attendees on a Journey Across America

Beachwood ninth annual Fall Festival, presented by Crestmont Automotive, attracted more than 4,000 attendees who celebrated America's 250th anniversary with a coast-to-coast journey filled with entertainment, activities, and family fun.

The two-day celebration kicked off Saturday, Oct. 10, with a concert featuring The Spazmatics, who brought their high-energy '80s hits to the Beachwood Community Center stage, despite the rainy conditions. The evening concluded with a spectacular fireworks display sponsored by Velocity Clinical Research.

On Sunday, Oct. 11, the journey continued. With unfavorable weather conditions creating some turbulence, the festival shifted activities indoors, transforming the Beachwood Community Center and Police Department garage into destinations for an afternoon of fun.

From Hollywood and the Grand Canyon to New York City and Hawaii, each stop offered a unique experience in the road trip activity room. The celebration also featured over a dozen inflatables, live entertainment, carnival games, magic by Rick Smith Jr., food trucks, and activities for all ages.

The successful transition indoors was made possible by the flexibility and teamwork of several city departments. Special thanks go to the Beachwood Police Department for coordinating the use of its garage, Beachwood Public Works for quickly accommodating the event's change of plans, and Beachwood Community Services for organizing and executing the Fall Festival from start to finish.

While the weather may have changed the route, it certainly didn't stop the journey.

Entertainment was proudly sponsored by NOPEC, Cleveland Clinic Children's, Statement Nail & Wax Lounge, Pella Windows & Doors, Wild Republic, and EcoLawn.

Support was provided by T3 Performance, FCSLA Life, Akron Children's, and Beachwood Place.

Photos by Scott Morrison, Discovery Photo.
















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Family Engagement Events Bringing Community Together

Beachwood Schools is creating new opportunities for families to connect, learn, and grow together through a yearlong series of Family Engagement Events during the 2026-2027 school year.

The series kicked off with Family Fitness, Mindfulness, and Wellness Night on Sept. 15, bringing families and staff together for an evening that focused on physical and mental well-being. The event began with a preview of the new Jet's Pizza Bison Fitness Center. Families then participated in a variety of activities at the stadium designed to promote healthy habits, reduce stress and encourage wellness.

The Family Engagement series will continue throughout the school year with events designed to support families across a wide range of interests and needs. Upcoming opportunities include family literacy evenings for different grade levels, Family Math Game Night, Mad Science, and a How to Prep for Tests Night for students in grades 7-12. Later in the year, families can take part in events such as Walk the Maltz, Teach Me Something sessions featuring language, cooking, crafts, storytelling and technology, The Importance of Music, a conversation about AI in Education, and Transition Nights for families preparing to move to a new building.

The events are designed to create welcoming opportunities for families to connect with school staff, meet other families, and have conversations about topics that impact students and families.

Please scan the QR code to learn more about each event and to register to attend. While registration is not required, it is helpful for planning purposes.

Jet's Pizza Bison Fitness Center and Renovated Gymnasium Open

Beachwood Schools officially celebrated the opening of the new Jet's Pizza Bison Fitness Center on Sept. 18 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The state-of-the-art facility, which is sponsored by the Beachwood Athletic Boosters, will provide Bison student-athletes with expanded opportunities for strength and conditioning, training, rehabilitation, and recovery.

"We are creating a special place and space that our students, coaches, families, and entire community can be proud of," Director of Athletics Ryan Peters said prior to the ribbon cutting. "These upgrades are going to give our teams, student-athletes, and coaches an opportunity to get better and become the best."

The celebration continued as the renovated BHS gymnasium was unveiled, featuring a new gym floor, restrooms, and concession area. Following the ribbon cutting, the Beachwood volleyball team took the court for the first event in the gym, defeating Trinity, 3-0, in an all-school assembly match.

The project was made possible through significant community support, including a $120,000 donation from Jet's Pizza and a $110,000 contribution from the Beachwood Athletic Boosters. "This facility stands today because of our community's unwavering support and vision for our school's future," BHS Assistant Principal Aubrei Watson said.





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Beachwood High School Students Receive National Merit Honors

Beachwood High School's Class of 2027 is celebrating an impressive year of academic achievement, with 13 seniors earning recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Seven Beachwood students — Yasha Cohen, So Eun Kang, Nimisha Kasliwal, Joseph Mo, Kathryn Roush, Artiom Tkachenko and Amber Zhang — were named National Merit Semifinalists, placing them among approximately the top 1% of students who took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The Semifinalists will continue in the National Merit Scholarship competition as they pursue Finalist status. Approximately 95% of Semifinalists are expected to advance to the Finalist level, with nearly $30 million in National Merit Scholarships scheduled to be awarded this spring.

In addition, six Beachwood seniors — Nicholas Cheng, Ritika Iyer, Annaya Jain, Samuel Park, Alma Saltzman and Eva Zheng — were named National Merit Commended Scholars.

"We congratulate our students who have earned recognition in the National Merit program and are grateful to the teachers, families, and community members who have supported them along the way," said Beachwood High School principal Rebekah Sharpe.



Beachwood Schools Earns Highest Possible Rating on State Report Card

Beachwood Schools once again earned the Overall 5-Star District Award, the highest possible rating on the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's (ODEW) 2025-2026 Ohio State Report Card. In addition, the district earned five stars in Achievement, Progress, Graduation Rate and Gap Closing, which is the highest rating in each category.

"We are proud of our students, families and staff for the work that contributed to these results," said Superintendent Robert Hardis. "The state report card is one of multiple measures we use to evaluate our progress and identify opportunities for continued growth."

The district also saw substantial value-added gains in mathematics across student demographic groups, while Beachwood students identified as gifted achieved the highest performance index score among districts in Cuyahoga County. The Class of 2025 earned a 100% graduation rate, while Beachwood continues to provide opportunities for students to accelerate their learning, with 40–50% of students often taking state tests one or two years above their enrolled grade level, particularly in math and science.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Election Day & Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 3 - No School for Students

Diwali Celebration
Nov. 15, 5:00 p.m.
Beachwood Middle School, 2860 Richmond Rd.

BHS Fall Musical
Nov. 20-21, 7:00 p.m. and Nov. 22, 2:00 p.m.
Beachwood High School, 25100 Fairmount Blvd.

VIEW THE FULL CALENDAR
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Homecoming Celebration

Beachwood Schools celebrated Homecoming with a full weekend of school spirit, bringing students, families, alumni, and the community together. The festivities began on Friday night with the Homecoming football game against Wickliffe. The evening featured a special performance by the Alumni Band and Drill Team at halftime, as dozens of alumni joined current members on the field for a performance.

Earlier in the day, students gathered for an all-school assembly featuring a special volleyball match, bringing the school community together to cheer the Bison to a 3-0 win over Trinity in the first event in the renovated gymnasium.

Students also celebrated this year's Homecoming Royalty, with Sadie Barnholtz, Jonah Greller and Marley Readance named as the top three finalists. Other finalists included Casie Baker, Maria Harris, and David Hong. The weekend wrapped up Saturday night with the annual Homecoming Dance, giving students a chance to dress up, spend time with friends, and enjoy a long-time Beachwood tradition.







Mid-Autumn Festival Brings Families Together

The Chinese Family Affinity Group hosted the 2026 Mid-Autumn Festival on Sept. 26 in the Beachwood High School Community Room. The celebration drew more than 200 attendees, including more than 70 students, who participated in performances, games, and other activities.

One of the most important traditional Chinese festivals, the Mid-Autumn Festival celebrates reunion with family, friends, and the community. This year's event featured traditional mooncakes, tea, desserts, games, and trivia, while also placing a special emphasis on student involvement, providing them with opportunities to perform, host games, volunteer, and take on leadership roles. This year's joyful celebration provided an opportunity to bring Beachwood families together for a memorable evening.



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Recent Resolutions

- Recognized National Merit students
- Results of 2025-2026 Climate Survey
- Fitness Facility update

Upcoming Board Actions

- Summary of Bryden and Hilltop projects
- Presentation of Financial Forecast
- Technology Committee Update

Board Meeting Calendar

- Monday, Nov. 9 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

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Alumni Spotlight: Yuxi Zheng '12

Know a Beachwood Schools alum who would make a great Alumni Spotlight? Email Greg Murphy (gmurphy@beachwoodschools.org) with your suggestions.



As a vitreoretinal surgeon at Mid Atlantic Retina and Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, Yuxi Zheng performs surgeries to help patients with their vision. Her work requires precision, problem-solving, and an ability to connect with patients to help them through some of the most difficult moments in their lives.

In many ways, those same qualities were developed during her time in Beachwood Schools. Zheng was an active student who took advantage of the many opportunities that were available to her. She ran cross-country, competed in track and field, and participated in Science Olympiad, Robotics, and Model UN. Zheng also played in the orchestra. It was this willingness to explore different opportunities that would become an important part of her journey.

"I always knew that I wanted to do something science-related. I enjoyed being around people and solving problems," Zheng said. "When I graduated, I thought I would be a doctor or an engineer, and fortunately, I found my passion for medicine."

Zheng credits Beachwood's teachers and coaches for playing an important role in preparing her for life after high school. She took advantage of Advanced Placement (AP) classes and appreciated the individual attention she received.

"The quality of teachers and availability of advanced classes put me ahead in school," she said. "Beachwood is a small, intimate community where students receive individualized attention. My teachers and coaches challenged me to be disciplined and pushed me to be the best I could be."

After graduating from Beachwood High School, Zheng attended Case Western Reserve University before earning a full scholarship to Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. She then completed her residency and fellowship at Duke University, specializing in vitreoretinal surgery.

"It is an honor to be able to share my passion for medicine with others," Zheng said. "I find so much joy in the small interactions I have with patients every day. Being able to comfort patients and give them reassurance in challenging times is rewarding."

That focus on helping others is something Zheng encourages current Beachwood students to consider as they look toward their own futures. Her advice is not to feel pressure to have everything figured out. "Try different things, even if you aren't sure you'll like them," she said. "Keep an open mind and understand that your passions may evolve over time."

Although Zheng now lives and works in Philadelphia, Beachwood remains part of her life. She frequently returns to visit family, including her younger siblings who also attended Beachwood Schools.

When she looks back on her time in Beachwood, Zheng is grateful for the people and experiences that helped shape who she is today. "I'm very thankful for all the people who pushed me to be the best I could be," she said. "They challenged me, supported me and helped me discover what I was capable of."

Social Scene

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From Beachwood to Beechwood: BHS Grad Reinvents the High Chair

When Karen Goodman Maschi imagined feeding her first child, she pictured warm, connected family moments that unfold in parenting books.

Reality looked very different.

When her son, Logan, was a baby, mealtimes became a source of anxiety. He struggled to remain in his high chair, leaving Karen searching for other ways to keep him comfortable during meals. After Logan had choked a few times while eating in unstable positions, she knew there had to be a better solution that brought him more comfort while bringing her more peace of mind.

Karen searched for a product that would give Logan greater freedom while keeping him properly positioned and secure. She found high chairs designed to accommodate children as they grew, but nothing that could respond to what a child needed in a particular moment.

"The right chair didn't exist," she said. "So I built it."

The result is the VezaFlex™, the world's first sit-to-stand convertible high chair. It begins as a traditional high chair and, once a child is developmentally ready, converts to provide a supported standing position. As the child grows, it can also become a big-kid chair and a step stool.

"I didn't set out to build another high chair. I set out to change an entire category – to rethink what mealtime can look like for families and create something that gives them more flexibility, more choice, and more ways to meet their children where they are."

For Karen, a 1998 Beachwood High School graduate, the invention represents more than a new piece of children's furniture. It is the culmination of lessons learned in Beachwood, a career that brought productions to life, and a deeply personal experience as a mother.

Now, she proudly unveils the VezaFlex™ to our community, where her own story began.

Karen remembers Beachwood as a safe haven – a close-knit community where relationships mattered. At home, she watched her father, Fred Goodman, a former City Council member, build the company now known as MRI Software while instilling a lasting lesson: Professional success should never come at the expense of character.

"As my father grew his business, it was always about respect, values, a strong work ethic, and treating people kindly," Karen said. "That's what I carry over."

Before founding Veza Innovations, Karen spent nearly two decades as an executive producer in entertainment and advertising, where she managed people, deadlines, and competing priorities – all skills that proved useful when she decided to develop a consumer product.

She also learned from her father the importance of building solid relationships. Karen assembled her team organically, one introduction at a time. Her network grew to include designers, engineers, pediatric physicians, occupational therapists, feeding specialists, product-development experts, and experienced business advisers.

She worked with pediatric physicians and specialists to examine positioning, stability, motor development, and participation at the family table. Cleveland-area product-development firm SmartShape helped translate her early ideas into designs and prototypes.

The chair's adjustable platforms can be moved with one hand. Its tray extends over most standard-height dining tables, allowing a child to be closer to the rest of the family. In sitting mode, an adjustable footrest gives children a stable place to rest their feet, instead of leaving them dangling, an important detail that can make a meaningful difference at mealtime. In standing mode, children who show signs of developmental readiness can stand while staying supported and secure within the high chair.

The VezaFlex™ is not intended to push children to stand before they are ready, nor is it simply a response to a child who does not feel like sitting. Its purpose is to give families another developmentally informed option while allowing children to be supported in a position that better meets their needs in the moment.

Engagement is also an essential part of the product. "Mealtimes are precious," she said. "They support connection, fine-motor development, exploration, and a child's sense of belonging. This chair is designed so the child is sitting with the family, not off to the side."

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"At the end of the day, it's a high chair," Karen said. "A high chair that works harder for you."

When we asked what her biggest challenge is, Karen said, "Raising capital. Developing a new product requires sufficient funding to manufacture, launch responsibly, and grow at a sustainable pace. Having the runway to enter the market in a healthy way and scale appropriately is the lens. Most companies fail because they run out of money. Veza's™ biggest challenge now is making sure we have the proper runway to support the momentum we've built and execute on what comes next."

Despite daily challenges, Karen remains focused on the future. "When the first preorders came in, it all became real," she said. "It was surreal to see people buying something I had spent years bringing to life.'"

The company's name reflects the purpose behind the product. "Veza" is a Croatian word associated with connection and bonding. It is fitting for an invention designed to bring children closer to the table – and for an entrepreneur whose progress has depended on the relationships she has formed along the way.

There is another fitting connection: the VezaFlex™ is made with sustainable beechwood. For Karen, bringing a beechwood chair back to Beachwood carries a special resonance.

She is offering Beachwood residents a total of $100 off their preorder with the code **HOMETOWN100**, an invitation for local families to become part of the product's earliest chapter. "We have less than 400 high chairs left in our exclusive Founders Release," Karen said.

For those who would like to see the newest high chair on the market, Karen will be exhibiting the VezaFlex™ at The Star Center Foundation feeding expo on Saturday, Nov. 14, 1-4 p.m., at Rocky River Memorial Hall, 21016 Hilliard Blvd., in Rocky River. Through education, guidance, and compassionate connection, this organization helps families navigate the childhood journey – from hospital to home, and every step in between.

To learn more, contact Karen at hello@vezafamily.com or visit vezafamily.com.









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Debra McGuire Reveals the Art of Costume Design in New Book

A ward-winning costume designer, fashion designer, and fine artist Debra (Fine) McGuire, a Beachwood High School graduate, class of '70, who was inducted into Beachwood High School's Gallery of Success in 1997, takes readers behind the scenes of visual storytelling in her new book, *Dressing the Story: The Art of Costume Design*.

Best known for designing all 10 seasons of *Friends*, Debra has helped shape some of film and television's most recognizable characters. Her credits include *Anchorman*, *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*, *Superbad*, *Freaks and Geeks*, *New Girl*, *Game Night*, *The Morning Show*, *Murder Mystery 2*, and the *Sonic the Hedgehog* films.

Presented through conversations with independent producer Jim Stark, with contributions from Gavin McGuire and longtime collaborator Joe Mastrolia, *Dressing the Story* explores how fabric, color, texture, silhouette, and fit contribute to a character's identity and emotional life. Part practical guide and part creative memoir, the book follows the costume-design process from the first script reading through the final fitting.

Jim, also a BHS graduate, class of '67, is an independent American producer who has been involved in writing, developing, financing, producing, selling, distributing, and marketing 60 low-budget fiction and documentary films since 1983. His films have been shown in cinemas and broadcast on television in countries around the world. He's won numerous prizes and has been selected to premiere in such major festivals as Cannes, Berlin, Venice, Sundance, and Toronto. Additionally, he is a member of AMPAS (the motion picture society that awards the Oscars), and the Mexican and British motion picture societies.

In *Dressing the Story*, his conversations with Debra create an intimate structure for understanding the creative, practical, and collaborative dimensions of costume design.

"Film is a visual language, and costume design is one of its most potent dialects," Debra writes in the book's introduction.

In October, Debra spoke at Beechmont Country Club, sharing stories from her career and discussing the creative process behind designing costumes for film and television. The engagement offered guests an inside look at how clothing can establish character, heighten comedy, communicate status, and help bring a scripted world to life.

Written for filmmakers, actors, designers, students, and fans of film and television, *Dressing the Story* invites readers to look beyond dialogue and performance and consider the visual choices that help tell every story.

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>
> ~ Debra McGuire

We asked Debra and Jim how their Beachwood roots brought them to where they are today. Debra said, "Beachwood was a wonderful place to grow up – a close-knit community where everyone seemed to know everyone else. Its familiar streets, welcoming neighbors, and easy sense of belonging gave me the freedom to roam, wonder, and discover who I was. I felt safe enough to explore my world and express myself boldly, while my parents encouraged my creativity and made me feel that my imagination was something to treasure.

"When Jim and I appeared together in the school play in eighth grade, he told me that being pretty and smart was really cool. His words stayed with me because they affirmed a part of me I was still learning to recognize. He gave me *Atlas Shrugged* to read, and then more books followed. Through his friendship, curiosity, and intellectual energy, he introduced me to new ideas and challenged me to think more deeply. He helped open a door to a larger world, and I stepped through it eagerly.

"How incredible and deeply meaningful, that more than sixty years later, the two of us wrote a book together. What began with a school play, a generous compliment, and a stack of books grew into a lifelong friendship and, ultimately, a shared creative achievement. Writing this book together felt like a beautiful return to where our story began, while also celebrating everything we had learned, imagined, and become along the way."





BHS graduates Debra McGuire and Jim Stark proudly introduce their new book, *Dressing the Story: The Art of Costume Design.*

Jim said, "At school in Beachwood, I developed the study and work habits that allowed me to become the person I am today. I frequently give lectures and lead workshops, and my ability to speak publicly is a direct result of my years in drama, debate, and speech competitions."

Dressing the Story: The Art of Costume Design, published by Sticking Place Books, is available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Arcana: Books on the Arts, Yellow House Bookstore, Books & Books and other booksellers.

Mark J. Sack Appointed Chair of Israel Bonds Cleveland Campaign Advisory Counil

Israel Bonds recently announced the appointment of Mark J. Sack to a two-year term as chair of the Israel Bonds Cleveland Campaign Advisory Council. Mark assumes leadership after the passing in May of the previous chair, Rabbi Rosette Barron Haim, known affectionately as Rabbi Rosie.

A longtime investor in Bonds, Mark previously served as New Leadership Division co-chair in the early 1990s, and has been a member of the Cleveland Campaign Advisory Council since 2023. In 2015, Mark and his wife, Aviv, of blessed memory, received the Israel Bonds King David Award for their extensive dedication to the State of Israel and the local Jewish community.

"I am deeply honored to step into this role as Cleveland's Campaign Chair for Israel Bonds," said Mark. "Before her passing, Rabbi Rosie, of blessed memory, and I shared meaningful conversations about the vital role Israel Bonds plays in strengthening Israel's economy. I am grateful for the opportunity to carry that legacy forward and to support the people of Israel during these challenging times."

After serving in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and playing professional basketball in Israel in the 1980s, Mark returned to his hometown of Cleveland to teach social studies classes and the Lessons of the Holocaust course at Cleveland Heights High School, where he worked for the next 36 years until retiring from teaching. Since 2013, Mark has worked part-time at Meyers, Roman, Friedberg & Lewis, a Cleveland-based law firm where he remains 'of counsel.' He recently helped spearhead the expansion of Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) in Southern Ohio and continues to be active in other civic, community, and Israel-related volunteerism.



Mark Sack, chair of the Israel Bonds Cleveland Campaign Advisory Council

About Israel Bonds

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Finding Peace and Possibility in Clay

Andrea Serafino has been teaching and exhibiting ceramics throughout the Cleveland area for more than 25 years. Known as a generous, down-to-earth instructor, she shares her knowledge of wheel throwing, hand-building, and clay sculpture with students of all experience levels.

"I simply love working with clay and teaching others to realize their visions," she said.

Andrea's connection to ceramics began in fourth grade, when students were permitted to make one clay project each year. She eagerly anticipated that opportunity and continued pursuing art in high school, where she took two art classes each day – one in painting and drawing and another in pottery.

She later attended the Cleveland Institute of Art, majoring in ceramics and minoring in sculpture.

"I love the tactile qualities of clay and the challenges of the medium," she said. "Can I actually create the object I visualize? With all the steps needed to complete a piece – including drying, glazing, and firing – crafting a successful piece can be quite difficult."

Earlier in her career, Andrea used sculpture to process personal experiences and navigate life's obstacles.

"My earlier works helped me understand the place or situation I was in at the time," she said. "There was a lot of personal growth."

After having children, however, she found that level of self-analysis exhausting. Her artistic focus gradually shifted toward the peaceful qualities of nature, especially plants. Much of her work draws inspiration from plant life sculpted onto traditional pottery forms such as bowls, vases, and platters.

For the past 20 years, she has owned the Beachwood Ceramic Guild, where she teaches adults and children techniques including wheel throwing, hand-building, and sculpture. Welcoming, affordable classes are are listed in the Beachwood Recreation Guide at beachwoodrec.com.

The Guild also provides studio space for ceramic artists and is available for small events and workshops.

Andrea also teaches at BayARTS in Bay Village, and Orange Arts Center in Pepper Pike.



Creativity takes shape as Andrea Serafino, owner of the Beachwood Ceramic Guild, showcases her handcrafted artwork.

Beachwood Ceramic Guild is located at 23366 Commerce Park Dr. For more information, visit beachwoodceramicguild.org or contact Andrea at andrea833@rocketmail.com.

> "I simply love working with clay and teaching others to realize their visions."
> ~ Andera Serafino

Cleveland Clinic Brain Study Team Hosts Free Community Event on Healthy Sleep

The team behind the groundbreaking Cleveland Clinic Brain Study is inviting the community to a free evening dedicated to better sleep and better health.

Lights Out: 5 Things Everyone Should Know About Sleep will feature an engaging discussion about the habits that promote restful sleep, the health risks associated with undiagnosed sleep apnea, and practical ways to relax and unwind. A yoga instructor will also lead attendees through simple relaxation techniques they can incorporate into their daily routines.

Join the Cleveland Clinic Brain Study team for an informative and relaxing evening – and learn practical steps that may help you get a healthier night's sleep.

Attendance is free. Advance registration is recommended, but walk-ins are welcome.



Event Details:
Lights Out: 5 Things Everyone Should Know About Sleep
Monday, Nov. 9 • 5:30-7 p.m.
Beachwood Medical Outpatient Center • Building 3
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Hosted by Cleveland Clinic Brain Study team

Diwali Community Celebration

by Mitali Das

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

This spectacular festival derives its name from *diyas*, clay lamps, and *avali*, meaning rows. Rows of these lamps adorn homes and streets, illuminating the darkest night as people dress in new clothes and come together to share their joy through delicious food and fellowship.

Bursting firecrackers, mouthwatering sweets, and ornate *rangolis* – decorative patterns made with flowers and colored powders – make the festival a feast for the senses and the spirit. Originating in the traditions of Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism, and Buddhism, this multicultural Indian festival is recognized as a holiday in many countries. The United States Postal Service first issued a commemorative Diwali postage stamp in 2016. Beachwood Schools was the first district in Northeast Ohio to mark this special day as a holiday in their school year.

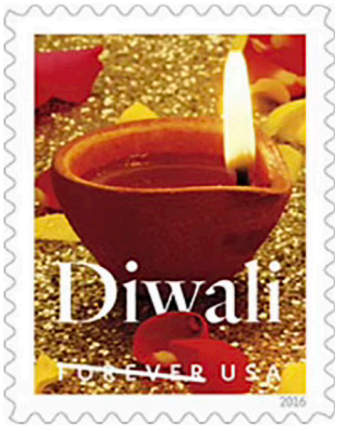
The Indian American Family Affinity Group of Beachwood Schools cordially invites the Beachwood community to celebrate this joyous occasion at Beachwood Middle School on Nov. 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. The evening will begin with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony led by Beachwood community leaders, followed by a cultural program featuring musical, dance, and instrumental performances by Beachwood children and parents.

Join us for fun activities, sumptuous food, and an opportunity to reconnect with neighbors and make new friends. Let this Festival of Lights celebration bring our Beachwood community together in the spirit of harmony and unity.

For more information about Beachwood Schools' Indian American Family Affinity Group and Diwali, visit beachwoodschools.org/families/affinity-groups/indian-american-family-affinity-group.

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A Small Library with a Big Heart

10-year-old Laurel student gives back to The Gathering Place

Kinley Macknin, a 10-year-old Laurel School student and Solon resident, has transformed her family's experience with cancer into a meaningful gift for others: a new Little Free Library at The Gathering Place's Beachwood location.

Kinley worked alongside her father, Jonathan, to build the library, install it and fill it with books. The Gathering Place recently celebrated her donation with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by Kinley's family, friends, neighbors, The Gathering Place staff, and even her dog, Scout.

Kinley was inspired by the idea of placing a library somewhere calm and peaceful, a description she felt fit The Gathering Place perfectly.

The library also reflects Kinley's own love of reading. When asked to name a favorite book, she chose *The Watermelon Seed*, by Greg Pizzoli, a humorous children's story about a crocodile whose imagination runs wild after he swallows a watermelon seed. Beneath its humor is a familiar childhood experience, the way a small worry can suddenly feel enormous, and the comfort that comes when fear gives way to reassurance.

For Kinley, however, the project represents much more than a love of books. It is a personal way to thank an organization that has become an important part of her family's life.

The Macknin family first learned about The Gathering Place after Kinley's mother, Elle, was diagnosed with breast cancer. Elle shared that one of the most difficult parts of receiving her diagnosis was determining how to tell her daughters and help them cope with the emotions surrounding cancer.

Clinical staff at The Gathering Place walked the family through those conversations and introduced them to children and family programs where the girls could have fun, meet other children affected by cancer, and better understand their new reality.

Now that Elle is in remission, the Macknin family remains closely connected to The Gathering Place. Kinley and her sister, Aubrey, have participated in summer camps and other children and family programs, while the family continues to volunteer and support Race for the Place, the nonprofit's annual fundraiser.

During the ribbon cutting, Adam Ross, interim CEO and chief development officer of The Gathering Place, thanked Kinley and her family for creating another welcoming point of connection for the community.

"There's not a day that we don't see someone taking a book," Adam said. "One of the big things for us is that you've created another touchpoint for community, and we're forever grateful."

Recognizing that cancer affects the entire family, not just the person receiving treatment, The Gathering Place offers professionally facilitated support groups, one-on-one support, movement and exercise, nutrition education, expressive arts, educational workshops, and social opportunities for children, teens, young adults, parents, caregivers, and loved ones – all completely free of charge.

The library reflects the spirit at the heart of The Gathering Place – people supporting one another through shared resources, meaningful connections and small acts of kindness. Each time someone selects a book or leaves one behind, Kinley's gift will continue to offer comfort, enjoyment, and a reminder that no one has to face cancer alone.

The Little Free Library is located at The Gathering Place East, 23300 Commerce Park in Beachwood. To learn more about The Gathering Place's free programs and services, volunteer opportunities or Race for the Place, visit touchedbycancer.org.



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Kinley, Elle, Aubrey, and Jonathan Macknin – with Scout, their four-legged friend.

Laurel Senior Helps Cleveland Teens Find Their People – Offline



For many teenagers, opportunities to form genuine friendships exist throughout Northeast Ohio. The challenge is finding them.

Beachwood resident and Laurel School senior Eliana Fieldman hopes to make that search easier. As part of her Laurel Capstone project, Eliana studied adolescent loneliness, connection, and community, producing a research brief for Laurel's Center for Research for Girls titled *The Practice of Belonging*.

Since Eliana wanted to make more of an impact, she established Youth Connect CLE, a teen-led Cleveland initiative designed to help high school students develop friendships, explore their interests, and strengthen their social health through in-person experiences.

The organization's message is simple: Find your people. Offline.

Youth Connect CLE seeks to close the gap between teenagers who want meaningful connections and the many clubs, hobby groups, and youth organizations already operating across the region. By bringing those resources together in one welcoming place, Eliana hopes to make it easier for teens to discover activities and communities that feel right for them.

Last month, Eliana spearheaded the first-ever Find Your Thing Fair, a unique event for teens ages 13-18 to literally find their thing. Fifteen organizations participated, and roughly 40 teens and several adults were in attendance.

"The Find Your Thing Fair was a serious labor of love. I poured countless hours into planning, organizing, and marketing it, and our valuable feedback will shape future iterations of this program," said Eliana. "This spring, we will host another event with more organizations, allowing every teen to find their thing."

"Having a place for teens to gather to see what they can be a part of is fabulous, and we need more events like this," added Daisy Shockley, Colors+ Youth Center director of Program Operations.

Eliana is also developing a small-grant program to help teens create their own clubs and neighborhood projects, a corps of teen facilitators who can support community events, and a storytelling series featuring young leaders, artists, and organizers.

A Youth Advisory Board is also in development, and the organization is pursuing official nonprofit status.

Through the project, Eliana is demonstrating how student research can move beyond identifying a problem and become part of a community-based solution.

To learn more, visit youthconnectcle.org.





Eliana Fieldman, creator of Youth Connect CLE, hosts her first Find Your Thing Fair.

Cleveland Jewish News Honors 18 Difference Makers

Congratulations to the 2026 *CJN* 18 Difference Makers, who will be celebrated on Dec. 3, 5:30 p.m., at Landerhaven. For more information, see ad on page 47.

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Yarn Over Beachwood

For more than 15 years, Yarn Over Beachwood has transformed yarn into warmth and comfort for people throughout Northeast Ohio.

Founded by Iris November in 2009, the community group brings together people who knit, crochet, and loom handmade items for local organizations and charities. Participants also exchange patterns, project ideas, and techniques while enjoying the companionship that comes from creating together.

Since its founding, Yarn Over Beachwood has donated more than 13,750 handmade items to over 37 organizations. Projects have included hats, scarves, mittens, baby blankets, veterans' lapghans, stuffed animals, soap sacks, and other items requested by community partners.

This winter, members are adding a new project to their needles and hooks: arm warmers. The group received a request for the practical cold-weather accessories, which provide an extra layer of warmth while leaving the wearer's hands free.

Participants of all experience levels can contribute by creating projects, donating supplies, or sharing their skills. Yarn donations are always welcome.

The group meets from 10-11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of each month at the Beachwood Library. Upcoming meetings are Nov. 6 and Dec. 4.

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



Fall Into Better Health

Sarah Bowers MS, RDN, LD • Dietitian at The Gathering Place

As we head into the holiday season, many of us may visit our favorite coffee shop for our first pumpkin spiced latte of the year. While fall might be reminiscent of warm lattes and pumpkin pies, there are also many health promoting foods we can enjoy this season.

Eating foods in season makes it much easier to eat locally grown foods, which are more nutrient rich as they can be harvested at peak ripeness and spend less time getting transported. Eating seasonally also supports local farms, is better for the environment, and is a fun way to try new recipes.

When choosing seasonal fruits and vegetables, it's important to select a variety of different colors and "eat the rainbow." More color will make your plate look more appealing and, more importantly, give you a wider variety of phytonutrients as each color contains different properties.

For example, red apples contain lycopene and pumpkins provide beta carotene, both of which support heart health.

For Ohioans, fall produce includes apples, cabbage, carrots, corn, spinach, squash, potatoes, pumpkins, tomatoes, and much more.

There are many ways to incorporate seasonal produce into the meals you already know and love.

For example, if you enjoy making pasta with chicken, try adding tomatoes and squash for a nutrient boost. If you like having yogurt parfaits with fresh summer berries, try substituting pear or apple slices for a seasonal nutrient boost, and an added crunch.

If you are an adventurous cook who likes to try new recipes, there are plenty of unique ways to utilize fall produce. Spaghetti squash can be shredded with a fork to make plant-based noodles, delicata squash cut in half makes fiber-rich squash boats, especially when topped with protein, and pumpkin puree can be mixed in with oatmeal or yogurt to make a pumpkin-based breakfast, without the added sugars of a pumpkin spice latte. The list of fall favorite recipes goes on and on – there are endless flavor and ingredient combinations to try.

No matter which recipes you try this fall, remember that incorporating seasonal produce is a great way to give your body a nutrient boost – and including whole foods in your diet can help lower your risk of developing certain chronic illnesses.

For those affected by cancer, nutrition can play a large role in treatment and recovery. If you have trouble with treatment-related side effects or have questions about nutrition recommendations after a cancer diagnosis, a registered dietitian can help.

The Gathering Place offers free nutrition support to individuals and families affected by cancer. Services include hands-on cooking classes, educational programs, and individual meetings with a registered dietitian, all provided through a compassionate, holistic, and evidence-based approach. Learn more at touchedbycancer.org.

RECIPE CARD

Hot Comfort Cider

Ginger and Turmeric Cider - from the American Institute for Cancer Research

Yields 1 serving

PREP TIME 5 mins. COOK TIME 10 mins.

INGREDIENTS

- ☐ 1 cup apple cider
- ☐ 1 tsp. grated fresh ginger
- ☐ 1 tsp. grated fresh turmeric
- ☐ 1 strip (1/2-inch by 1/2-inch) lemon peel, white part included
- ☐ Dash cinnamon, optional

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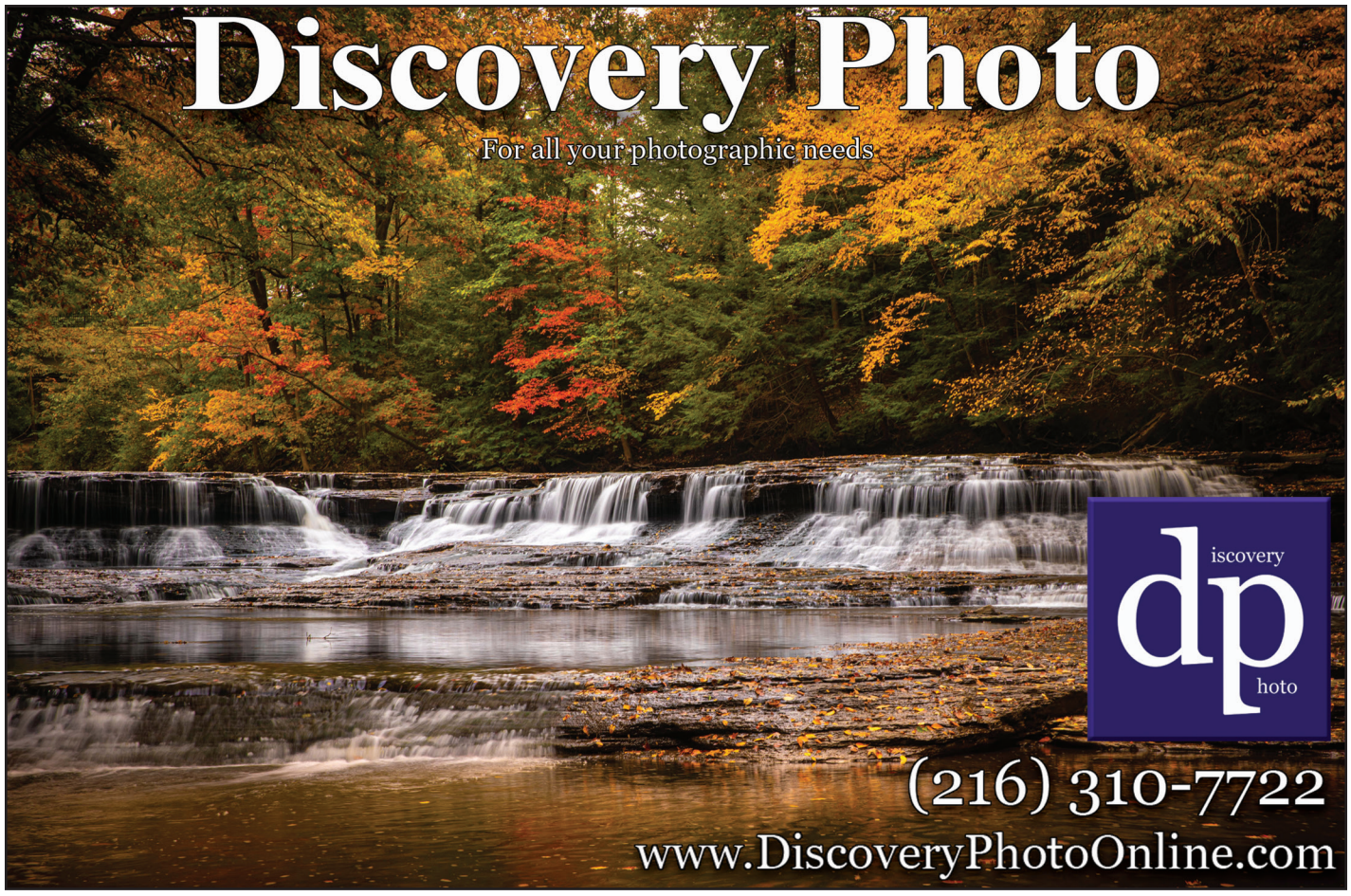
DIRECTIONS

1. In a small saucepan, combine cider, ginger, turmeric and lemon peel. Over medium-high heat, heat until ring of bubbles appears around edge of pan.
2. Remove from heat, cover pan, and set aside to steep for five minutes.
3. Pour hot spiced cider through fine tea strainer into mug and add dash of cinnamon, if desired. Serve immediately.

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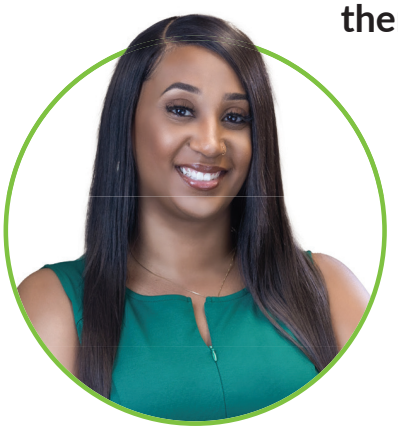
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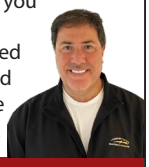
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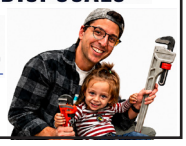
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