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**B**eachwood is a great community that I'm proud to call home. Although we live, work and play in this great suburb, we don't live in a bubble. We are part of a much larger community and nation. *Beachwood Buzz* has been in existence since 1996 and this is the first time I'm publishing information about a topic that doesn't fall cleanly into the "feel good" category.

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"The time is always right to do what is right."

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."

– Nelson Mandela

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

– Barack Obama

"Won't it be wonderful when black history and Native American history and Jewish history and all of U.S. history is taught from one book. Just U.S. history."

– Maya Angelou

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Our input determines our output, and much of our input has been negative. We deserve to be angry and outraged about the murder of George Floyd, and all other murders of Black individuals that resulted from police brutality.

"Black Lives Matter." The first time I heard this term, I thought, "All Lives Matter." I didn't get it. I was naive and hadn't come to terms with injustices that occur in everyday life. Equality doesn't exist, yet many of us pretend or wish that it did.

Inequality, also evidenced in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, is disproportionately killing Black Americans, which researchers attribute to structural racism, social conditions, and other factors.

Current realities require our attention and a deeper understanding of systemic racism and implicit bias. Is this the type of world we want to live in? Is it the world we want our children and grandchildren to inherit? The sad reality is that we're no closer to equality for all today than we were decades ago.

This month, we provide information and resources that educate and empower

each of us. June Scharf's cover story, "Community Responds to Racial Justice Movement," extends through the first half of this magazine with information provided by a variety of local sources.

In recent conversations about racism I've heard that each of us is either part of the problem or part of the solution. When we're silent, we're part of the problem. *Beachwood Buzz* condemns the senseless murder of George Floyd, as well as all acts of violence against Black Americans and other persons of color. Racial hatred has no place in our hearts, our community, or our world.

If, like me, you are ready to take action, please view Katie Couric's "Detailed List of Anti-Racism Resources," found at [tinyurl.com/katiesresourcelist](https://tinyurl.com/katiesresourcelist). It details books and movies for people of all ages. I echo Katie's sentiments, "Understanding begins with all of us looking inward, reflecting on our own attitudes, and of course, having difficult conversations with family and friends."

We can all do something to work toward equality. When we replace an ego-driven attitude

with an open mind, bullying with encouragement, criticism with compliments, or talk with actions, we take small steps to create a more just future.

In an article written by former President Barack Obama, "How to Make this Moment the Turning Point for Real Change," found on Katie's list, he concludes, "If, going forward, we can channel our justifiable anger into peaceful, sustained, and effective action, then this moment can be a real turning point in our nation's long journey to live up to our highest ideals."

I encourage you to read this article. He writes how peaceful protests raise public awareness, and the importance of voting because it lets our voices be heard. We live in a democracy and it's our right and responsibility to elect government officials who are responsive to our demands.

This is an American crisis. Nobody should ever go through life wondering or worrying that they may be next in a long line of victims. Each of us can be part of a solution for a more peaceful, loving, hopeful future that starts today.

Debby ♥



# Considering eyelid surgery? Choose a specialist wisely.



**Julian Perry, MD**  
Cleveland Clinic  
Cole Eye Institute,  
Beachwood

Addressing problems related to the tissues or structures surrounding the eye – the eyelids, tear ducts, and eye socket – requires specialized care.

“It is important to choose a surgeon specifically trained in oculofacial plastic surgery when thinking about eyelid surgery,” says Julian Perry, MD, an oculoplastic surgeon who sees patients at Cleveland Clinic

Cole Eye Institute, Beachwood.

## Dr. Perry answers four key questions:

### What procedures are performed by an oculoplastic surgeon?

Oculoplastic surgeons specialize in blepharoplasty (removing excess skin), ptosis surgery (droopy eyelids), tearing surgery (tear duct) and orbital (eye socket) surgery with the main goal of keeping the eyes healthy.

### Why would someone choose eyelid surgery?

“As we age, gravity and ultraviolet sunrays damage the collagen and elastic fibers of the skin and the soft tissues ultimately sag

and deflate,” says Dr. Perry. “Surgery is the gold standard to rejuvenate one’s appearance by lifting and sculpting the sagging tissue around the eyes and face. People may also need surgery due to injury, droopy eyelids that interfere with vision, or a range of problems from benign bumps to malignant lesions.”

### What are the options to address “sagging” eyelids?

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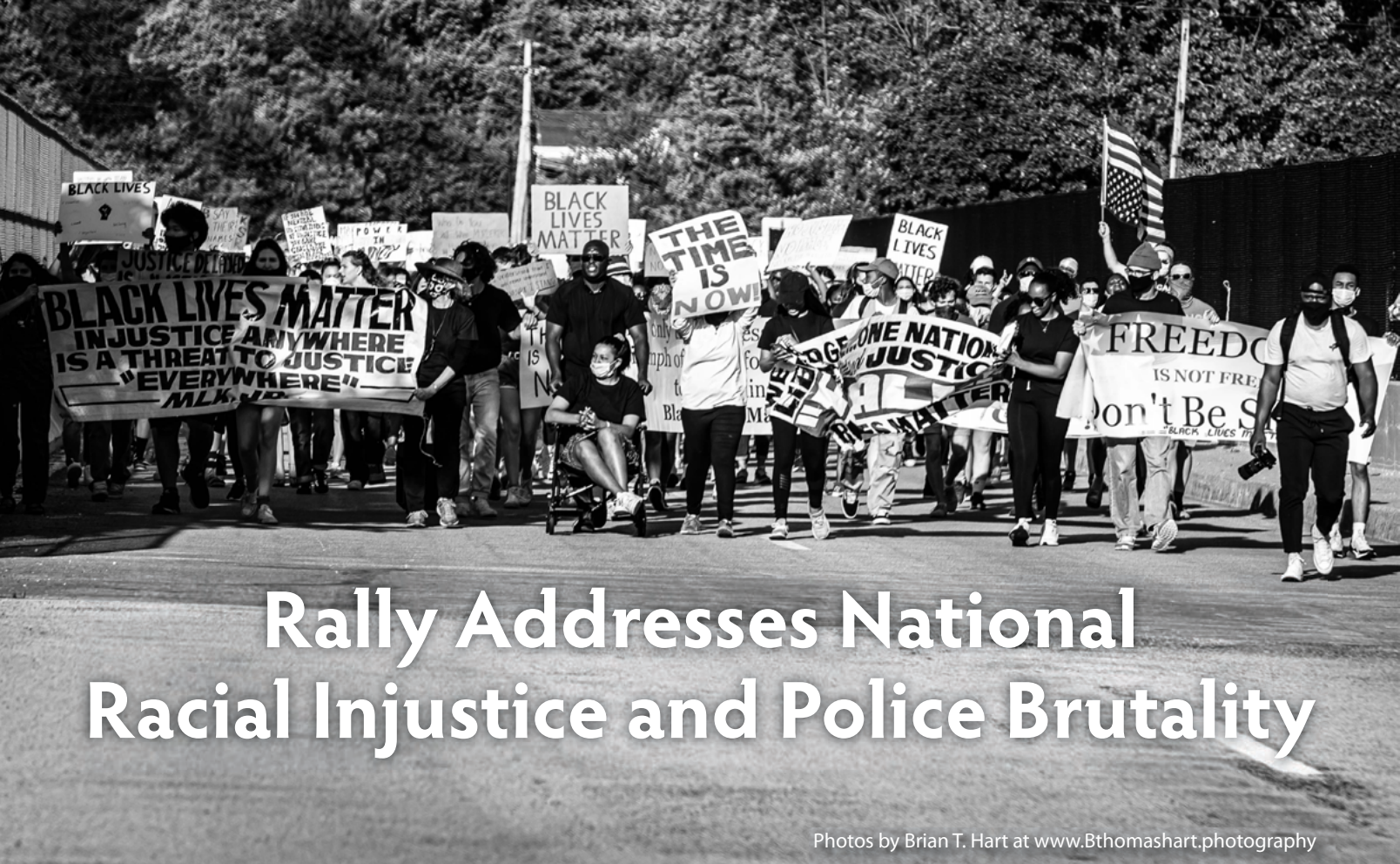
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# Rally Addresses National Racial Injustice and Police Brutality

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By June Scharf

On a day unlike any seen in decades or possibly ever in the City of Beachwood, a peaceful rally and demonstration march was held as an expression of the stand being taken by many against nationwide racial injustice and police brutality experienced by people of color.

Under a perfectly blue sky, temperatures in the low 70s and a gently blowing breeze, the "Rally for Racial Justice" began on Thursday, June 11, at 6 pm, and lasted until roughly 8:30 pm.

Close to 2,000 people filled the entire parking lot between the Beachwood Municipal Complex and the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center. Those present reflected a diverse gathering of both residents and non-residents, and of all ages with heavy youth participation. Under the threat of virus dissemination, nearly everyone was wearing a face mask.

The rally kicked off with a welcome by organizer Elizabeth Metz, a BHS senior, varsity athlete, student newspaper contributor, and a winner of 2020 Princeton Prize in Race Relations, who exudes passion and determination.

Other speakers included BHS senior Cassidy Gilliam; Samaria Rice, mother of Tamir Rice who was slain by Cleveland police; activist Fran Gordon; City Councilperson James Pasch; University Schools graduate Kennon Walton; and Reverend Dr. Daryl B. Ingram. Music was performed by AfterThought and the NuSoul Band.

Additional student advocates who helped plan the rally included Dasianae Byrse, Martin Ellis, Emily Fan, Avery Solomon, and Gabriel Stern.

Gordon said of the event, "It was an amazing synthesis of student energy and outpouring of wide-community concern combined to produce an evening that will go down in Beachwood history. To collaborate with the Parkland generation as a seasoned arts activist was both exciting and eye opening. While some in the crowd chose to protest the police, the truth is, without 100% cooperation from Police Chief Gary Haba and his team, this event would not have taken place."

Samaria Rice, who has been tapped globally to speak on police brutality and racial injustice, encouraged "young folks to



Samaria Rice

keep the pressure on and don't take no for an answer." She stated in her remarks that she believes the whole police department system is broken and "needs to be reformed from the top to the bottom." She added, "Be peaceful and keep the pressure on. It's time for a change...so many stolen lives in this country."

Samaria also talked about The Tamir Rice Foundation, which invests in the growth and enrichment of all children through after-school programs in arts and culture



by allowing them to express their truth to improve their lives as they grow into young adults. It also advocates to change laws and implement new policies for the system with community oversight for police accountability and community reform dialogue. (To learn more, visit [tamirricefoundation.org](http://tamirricefoundation.org).)

The event was safeguarded by Beachwood police officers present on foot and on the Municipal Complex's rooftop. One local news outlet assigned a helicopter to cover the event by circling the area for about an hour.

Midway through the event, a period of silence was held for 8 minutes and 46 seconds to recognize the killing of George Floyd by law enforcement in Minneapolis.

Marchers took to a closed and supervised portion of Fairmount Boulevard carrying signs such as "Black Lives Matter" and "No Justice, No Peace," and screaming those same words. They marched from the Municipal Complex to the I-271 bridge, crossed it, and marched back, about a two-mile distance. The significance of crossing the bridge signified a Civil Rights action in 1965, in Selma, Alabama, when demonstrators crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

Upon returning to the stage, students recited the names of individuals nationwide who were killed by law enforcement officers. During this impassioned portion of the event, attendees repeated the names after they were announced, to the plea from leaders who cried, "Louder! Say his name!"

Metz also was involved with organizing a Rally for Educational Equity on BHS grounds, but its Sunday, June 14 date was postponed, with no rescheduling as of press time. The district was working with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to coordinate safety provisions under the current pandemic.



# RALLY ATTENDEE COMMENTS

## **Tammie Greer** (resident)

What brought me out specifically was to show my daughter why things like this are important. Being a resident in Beachwood, there are not a lot of blacks who live in the district and I wanted her to have an experience and an understanding of why it's so important for us to take a stance right now. Even if she hasn't experienced anything like being fearful of the police or being targeted, it's common to people who look like us (African American).

## **Taylor Greer Jones**

(BHS student and Tammie's daughter)

I think this (rally) is helping everyone, including me, because I believe it will change people so less of these things can happen. Although the world isn't perfect, this will make an impact on everyone to give them a different mindset.

## **Darby Steiger** (resident)

This was an opportunity for us to be a part of our community and express the way we're all feeling about what's going on now – the way African American people are treated by the police, the lack of equity in our society. It is really horrible and we cannot stand for it anymore. It's been too much for too long.

## **Andrew Caplan**

(18, resident, Hawken graduate)

We need to constantly support the Black Lives Matter movement, and one of the best ways to do that is to protest and to rally together. This could be a turning point and it should be a turning point in America.

## **Gary Katz** (resident)

I appreciate the speakers coming out here peacefully to kinda grieve with us.

## **Kerry Katz** (resident)

I appreciate the fact that this was organized by our young people and that our police department came out to support, rather than hinder, their voices. I also think it's important to engage young people because, as they come of age, they're going to be the ones carrying that torch and they're going to be voting.

## **June Taylor** (City Councilperson, Elizabeth Metz's mother)

I would never have been this active at 17. I did not have the courage. I did not have the assertiveness. I also did not have the political acumen to understand the dynamics and to even understand the political structure, to have the conversations and debates that they are able to have at such an intense level with adults, lawyers, and union representatives, and to be as articulate as these young people are. They are on a whole other plateau.

This generation has a resilience that I haven't seen since the '60s and Vietnam era. They've seen so many different models of change in their lifetime that they're vocal. They're not passive or docile, or accepting of the status quo. If you say to them, this is how it's been or how it works, they challenge it and they have no qualms saying that it doesn't need to be that way.

## **Conrad Metz** (resident, Elizabeth Metz's father)

Elizabeth was raised in a household where I traveled a lot and spoke a lot of languages. She's a linguist. Her mother has always been a very powerful woman. We live by the motto, "do what you have to do so you can do what you want to do." That's the main thing that has driven Elizabeth.



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## Excerpts from Elizabeth Metz's Speech



We are here today because we need to be. There is a problem in America, and for so long inequality and racism have run parallel to the Constitution. It is now our duty to support the rights outlined in the Constitution that were written to fight for us.

As a member of both the Black and Jewish communities, I have had the privilege of leading a life of positive interactions with authorities, though that is not the case for all Americans. Especially the Black community.

When I look back on my years at summer camp, in school, and playing sports, I sometimes reflect on the moments when students have said nasty things. A cabin of white girls at my first overnight camp insisted that I was adopted, and the girls kept asking me why I was a camper there. At another camp, two white girls told my Nigerian best friend and me that our skin looked like feces. My teammates, whom I love dearly in both track and field and the football team, have been called derogatory terms by our opposing teams.

We need to stop throwing around the word diversity in our community and making it synonymous to equality. It's wonderful that we are a diverse community, but do we acknowledge white privilege, do we include others; do we see everyone's color in the room and then know what the color of their skin might imply about their reality?

We need to know now if the police are on our side, because we are tired of those who are intended to serve us and keep us safe, yet instead, kill us. I am hurting for the little black girls and black boys and other children of color growing up too fast because they realize that their lives seem to matter less than those of their white friends.

To my students and high school friends: I cannot emphasize the following enough: **REGISTER TO VOTE!** Though this country depends on its electoral college, your voice matters. What is going to separate

US and OUR generation from the rest, is the fact that we will not wait until we're upwards of 50 years old to become involved in politics.

Today begins a new wave in America, pro-peace, pro-reform, pro-justice. We young people will run for president at 35. We will become senators at age 30. We will set the policies to prevent the trauma we have endured as the Parkland generation, and we will give our children better lives.

We grieve the losses of kids like Tamir Rice and Trayvon Martin every day in our hearts, and we will lead like our ancestors did, like civil rights activists and freedom fighters. We will not stop until we see the changes we wish to see, because we are the change.

My deepest gratitude goes to my mom and dad. You both help me every day to be the best I can be. Thank you to my friends who have done everything to support me and educate me, and all elected officials of the City of Beachwood; thank you to the Board of Education for passing its meaningful resolution, titled *Beachwood Schools Anti-Racism Statement of Conviction and Action*; and thank you to those safety forces on duty who have graciously helped us make this a memorable moment that will go down in history.

I also thank Mr. Josh Davis, my English teacher, who in times of frustration has opened his classroom so peacefully to students of all races, sexual orientations, and genders, making room 166 in Beachwood High School a place where students can come to be themselves.

Lastly, we would not be here tonight without the all-too-common destructive policing of the black man. As much as I want to scream and shout these next few phrases, I come here to peacefully say that Black Lives Matter. Black LGBTQ lives matter. Black TRANS lives matter. Black children, black mothers, and black fathers matter.

# Civic Leaders Offer Observations About Current Social/Political Climate

By June Scharf

**W**ith unrest sweeping the nation as a result of the killing of African American citizens by police officers and the consequential movement to combat racial injustice, local government leaders were asked to offer their insights and observations concerning the current social and political climate. Conversations were conducted by phone not long after George Floyd was murdered by ex-police officer Derek Chauvin. Excerpts follow.

## Beachwood Mayor Martin Horwitz

Beachwood's diversity is our strength. As such, my job as Mayor is to ensure that city government is working for everybody.

Something I had difficulty with when I came into office was our all-white-male fire department. On a personal level, I felt this was wrong. It's not reflective of our community and needed to be addressed. We swore-in a new fire chief and set new goals together. Since then, we have hired our first black and female firefighters. Also, we have increased the diversity of our fire-inspection team. I see this as part of doing what's just and fair.

At the beginning of my term, I had the opportunity to begin diversifying our City Commissions. I appointed Pete Smith to be a member of our Civil Service Commission, and this year, I appointed him chairman of the commission. We are working together to make civil service

more open to all applicants; Pete is very creative and insightful and a great sounding board for these ideas. Last year, June Taylor won her first election to City Council. I hope Beachwood can further diversify its boards and legislative membership.

The Obama Foundation has encouraged mayors nationwide to pledge to review police policies. I took the pledge and made a commitment that we will review our use-of-force policies, engage with the community, and follow through. There are other reform policies being offered now, like one called "Eight Can't Wait," that covers police use of force, which I am discussing with Police Chief Haba.

We live in a unique community. Our police department is diverse, and we specifically train our officers in diversity and de-escalation. Our officers are honored to

serve Beachwood. I hear praise from our residents about how polite, respectful and courteous our officers are. We want every resident to feel equal and never threatened because of their skin color. Complaints to the contrary would be taken very seriously.

It was a campaign goal of mine to increase communication and community spirit within our Beachwood neighborhoods. I started a block-party program in 2018 and it grew in 2019. It has proven to be a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors!

If people would like to get involved, please join the City of Beachwood at an Online Town Hall meeting to discuss racial equity. The event will be held via Webex Events on Wednesday, July 8, at 7 pm. Participants may register online at the Online Town Hall Quick Link at [www.BeachwoodOhio.com](http://www.BeachwoodOhio.com). They may also dial in



to listen to audio. For further information, please visit our website or see page 28. We invite you to share ideas, concerns, thoughts, and anything else that will make us a more compassionate and respectful city.

For people who want to become involved politically, we have a very active Democratic Ward Club (I'm not aware of a Republican Ward Club). Also, people can participate in Diversity Matters in Beachwood at the high school and on Facebook to help stretch the group's reach.

## Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish (and Beachwood resident)

We're constantly looking at ways to address structural racism, which clearly is a major health crisis. We are working on a variety of legislative efforts. One area lies in the infant mortality realm. We are one of the key initiators of First Year Cleveland which is a project designed to reduce the rate of infant mortality, with a special focus on the African American community.

The overall numbers have gone down, but the disparity between white and black babies has not gone down. A lot of data has been collected and there's not a good explanation other than structural racism. When you take a well-educated African American woman and compare her to a poor, uneducated white woman, the infant mortality rate for the African American is still higher. This is the result of structural racism.

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The disparity in infection rates and death between African American and white people is significant, a result of structural racism.

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The same result is being studied with Covid-19. The disparity in infection rates and



death between African American and white people is significant, a result of structural racism.

## Ohio Congresswoman Marcia Fudge (D-OH 11th District)

I think that more Americans, as much as 25%, believe that racism is a major problem in this country. Obviously, we've known for a long time and now, the rest of the country is starting to see that the mistreatment of black people is significant. Also, more people are concerned about justice. I'm really pleased about that. I believe the movement has to include everybody. It's not about black people. It's about justice.

What I hear most is people wanting to know what they can do to help make it better. Everyone needs to look at themselves, that's number one. Determine if they are part of the problem or part of the solution. Number two, I am having conversations with my Republican colleagues, like Rep. Anthony Gonzalez, to show people there are many things

that we agree on. What we hear from the administration (in D.C.), from the persons with the biggest bully pulpit, are not what we believe. We believe in unity, not division.

**Regarding the new Justice in Policing Act (comprehensive legislation to increase police accountability and transparency and to build trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve and protect) working its way through Congress:**

The bill doesn't address every single issue – and I think that's almost impossible to do – but I also say that it is a very good place to start. When you look at any piece of major civil rights legislation, the Voting Rights Act or the Civil Rights Act, they were all amended over time. We don't start out at a perfect place. We grow and get better

and we understand more as we move forward. I assume that this will be no different.

**Regarding the protest in Cleveland on Saturday, May 30**

I was proud of the fact that people cared enough to go out and express their views to march for what they believe – to march against injustice and march for better communities. But nobody approves of looting and rioting. The more we focus on that, we take away from the people who were there to do the right thing.

**Beachwood's Historical Advocacy Role**

I appreciate the fact that Beachwood has always been a community that has been involved in the civic fabric of our society and this county.



Beachwood has always stood out and been vocal; people in Beachwood have always been engaged. I just ask that they continue to stay engaged: to talk to their neighbors and friends about the importance of this time, and speak about love and not hate. I think Beachwood residents are uniquely qualified because of their level of education and their voting record, and because they talk to other people about why it is important to be engaged.

## School District's Administration Offers Equity-for-All Vision

by June Scharf



**D**r. Robert Hardis, superintendent of the Beachwood Schools, offered a public statement to the community, some of which is excerpted here.

I feel the weight of responsibility, personally and as a school leader, to do my part in effecting change. As a public school, Beachwood is uniquely positioned to shape a better future for our students, and we are committed to doing so. We understand the Beachwood Schools' experience is not universal for our students and this drives our goal of equity for all.

A year ago, Beachwood's Board of Education created the position of Director of Equity and

Community Engagement to help our school district better serve ALL students. Kevin Houchins, hired for this critical role, set the lofty goal of changing all students' experiences for the better, not only while they are in school with us, but also by altering the trajectory of their lives and the lives of their children. The district is attempting to achieve this through efforts in curriculum and instruction, equitable access to services, hiring, staff training and development, community

inclusion and engagement, discipline and student leadership.

Furthermore, on June 8, the Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution titled "Beachwood Schools Anti-Racism Statement of Conviction and Action."

Beachwood Schools staff are called to a higher purpose – to help break our country's centuries-old cycle of injustice and play an important role in generational change. Our capacity to learn is growing. Our will to improve is increasing.



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## Beachwood Schools Anti-Racism Statement of Conviction and Action, approved by the Beachwood Board of Education as Resolution #06-20-2020 on June 8, 2020

(The full resolution is available  
at [beachwoodschoools.org/antiracism.aspx](https://beachwoodschoools.org/antiracism.aspx).)

Beachwood Schools is committed to the equity, justice, and inclusion of ALL students and respects the frustration, anger, and impatience of African Americans, people of color, and all marginalized Americans for whom our country has not lived up to its promise. We embrace our organizational responsibility to dismantle practices that perpetuate structural racism in our school system and hold every Beachwood Schools' employee responsible for doing so.

Over the past year, we have begun work on the following initiatives to become a fully inclusive and equitable school system:

- Authentic and honest engagement of all members of the Beachwood community
- Creating an inclusive curriculum
- Hiring African American and other educators from under-represented groups to mirror our diverse community
- Building students' leadership skills to address race, racism, and respect for all forms of diversity
- Providing equitable access to services and opportunities
- Conducting implicit bias and restorative practices training for school staff
- Acknowledging and addressing racial disparity in student discipline practices

Beachwood Schools has made tangible progress in these efforts but has a long, long way to go. The district aspires to provide ALL students with a rigorous education representative of our diverse backgrounds. We want to foster respect for the value of Black lives and awareness of unjust experiences and inadequate outcomes for Black and Brown students in America.

We want to inspire active citizens who vote and engage in service to their communities, the nation, and the world. In partnership with our students, graduates, and their families, the district is committed to breaking our country's cycle of injustice and fulfilling our promise to each and every child.

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"But I want to be sure that our words are backed by actions – actions that have already begun and will continue to expand and improve. In short, I want to be sure that our words mean something now and as we move forward."

– Brian Weiss, President, Beachwood Board of Education

### School Board Members' Statements:

#### Maria Bennett

My heart aches for the injustices and prejudices in our country. My heart aches for the racism that my biracial family has experienced first-hand. I thank Dr. Hardis, Mr. Houchins, Ms. Mills and all who were involved in initiating and supporting the Anti-Racism Statement of Conviction and Action. We appreciate all the work that you are doing to lead our district through these unsettling times and inspire us all to open our eyes, acknowledge the injustices, listen, learn, and stand up for ALL of our students and families. It is truly up to all of us to come together to shed light on the harsh truths around us, learn from each other, teach one another, and be the change that is necessary to ensure equity and justice. My family moved to Beachwood because we were inspired by the beauty and inclusion of diversity that our community represents. We firmly believe in the value of every individual, and that ALL students are worthy and deserving of equal education, opportunities, respect, kindness, and justice. We are committed to this conviction, to lead by example, and to be the change.

#### Jillian DeLong

As an elected school board member, a resident of Beachwood, and a mother, from this moment forward I will no longer be in the silent majority. It is my obligation to walk out of my comfort zone. It is not enough to have my eyes open to see and my ears open to listen. I vow to take action, I vow that the words in the resolution will have action behind them. This is my promise to the board, residents of Beachwood, and to myself.

#### Josh Mintz

I am grateful for how the movement is teaching us to do better. I support an end to racial injustice anywhere in the world and am committed to keeping the conversation going, as going back to "normal" is not the normal we will accept. We need to do better for our community and better for our children.

#### Megan Walsh

I see our resolution (*left, in shaded box*) as an important piece of accountability. Accountability not only to myself as a board member and holding my board colleagues and the administration accountable, but also for our students and their families to hold us accountable. It is so important for us to hear from you, and for us to really listen, when we miss the mark.

In my opinion, the two most important words in this resolution are "anti-racism," which doesn't indicate where we are, but what we strive to become. Embarking on the journey to become an anti-racist school district cannot be taken lightly. Being anti-racist isn't about kindness or tolerance. It is about actively dismantling what has been woven into every fabric of our society. It is a tremendous undertaking that will require continued intentional action in the weeks, months, and years to come. We haven't always gotten it right and we may not always get it right in the future, but I am committed to listening, learning, and most importantly, taking action to ensure that our schools create an environment where all students and their families feel seen, heard, valued, and respected.

#### Brian Weiss

While participating in the preparation of our anti-racism statement, I asked only one thing – don't just make this "words." Right now, everyone is using words: corporations, individuals, groups, athletes, actors, and the list goes on and on. All of these words have meaning. I have no doubt that all of them are in the best interest of improving the world, and racism in particular. But I want to be sure that our words are backed by actions – actions that have already begun and will continue to expand and improve. In short, I want to be sure that our words mean something now and as we move forward.



## From the Desk of Kent Smith

Sometimes legislation is about the past. Sometimes, it's about the future. But on June 12, 2020, it was about both.

On February 13, 1861, President-elect Abraham Lincoln spoke to a joint session of the Ohio General Assembly at a celebration of the recently completed Ohio Statehouse. Less than five years later, our nation's 16th President would lay in the rotunda of the Statehouse following his assassination.

Following several days of nationwide protests and debates about the relevance and meaning of Civil War symbols, the U.S. Marines, U.S. Navy and NASCAR all announced bans on Confederate memorabilia. In the early morning hours on June 12, it was time to see if Ohio would do the same.

House Democratic lawmakers offered two amendments on the House floor to HB 665 that would have prohibited the sale, display, possession, or distribution of Confederate memorabilia at county and independent fairs. If enacted, this policy would be the same as had been instituted for the Ohio State Fair in 2015.

Unfortunately, Republicans rejected the amendments largely along party lines, voting to protect the sale of the Confederate flag.

The Ohio Legislature had an important opportunity to embrace diversity, proclaim black lives matter and help silence

white supremacy in our state. Sadly, only the Democrats rose to the moment. History will not speak well of those Members of the General Assembly who chose – in 2020 – to protect the Confederate flag. We had received some signals that the GOP was going to join us for this amendment and why wouldn't they? Ohio was a Union state in the Civil War, Lee had surrendered to Grant, slavery had been ended, and the Union had been saved.

You can imagine that I was shocked and saddened when my Ohio General Assembly Republican colleagues not only chose to fight for the losing side, but did so without realizing the personal pain that they continue to cause when they embrace that modern-day symbol of terror. Racists need allies to continue their hate, and on June 12, they found many in the Ohio House chamber. For that, I am deeply disappointed. Lincoln would not have believed his eyes.

*State Representative Kent Smith represents Ohio's 8th House District which includes Beachwood, Euclid, South Euclid, Richmond Heights, East Cleveland, Woodmere Village, and a little bit of the City of Cleveland.*

The City of Beachwood invites you to attend an online Town Hall meeting to discuss racial equity. The event will be held on Wednesday, July 8, at 7 pm. Participants may register at [BeachwoodOhio.com](http://BeachwoodOhio.com). Click on the "Online Town Hall" quick link.

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# DMIB Holds Public Conversation Concerning Call To Action

By June Scharf

Last month, Diversity Matters In Beachwood (DMIB) presented a public video meeting by Zoom to discuss the actions that residents can take to address “systemic change to ensure the safety and protection of black students and families.”

Featured guests included Ian Friedman, a criminal defense attorney with the law firm Friedman & Nemecek LLC and president of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, and Stanley Miller, pastor at Oberlin’s Rust United Methodist Church and former executive director of the Cleveland branch of the NAACP. Monique Winston, a Beachwood resident and president of Cleveland Realist

Association, which promotes democracy in housing, moderated the event; and LaVona Carpenter, a Beachwood resident and president of DMIB, made opening and closing remarks.

The stated agenda of the meeting covered “the history of violence and racism that continues to target the black community,” and how residents can act on a local level. When considering what people can do, one suggestion is

to communicate with people who don’t look the same as you.

“Walk out of your comfort zone and get to know others,” says Miller. “Kids learn hate early and they emulate parents.” He says he was pleased, however, to see so many young people in the demonstration marches.

Likewise, Friedman recommends that people educate themselves and gain an understanding of others’ experiences to gain sympathy. He realizes, though, that “it took 400 years to get here, and it’s not going to change in 400 days. We need to keep working on it, and we can’t go backwards.” He also insists that “white people have an obligation to act until there’s no need to act anymore.”

everyone. “If people are looking for African Americans to bring diversity, they’re often looking for African Americans who think and act like them. People need to recognize that what makes us stronger is diversity of thought and experience. Until you’re willing to accept people with different perspectives, it’s not going to change.”

*We will get over the coronavirus, but we will never get a vaccine or pill for hate, bigotry or racism.*

– Stanley Miller, pastor at Oberlin’s Rust United Methodist Church and former executive director of the Cleveland branch of the NAACP

*If not now, then when? We need long-term real change.*

– Ian Friedman, criminal defense attorney with the law firm Friedman & Nemecek LLC and president of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Both men see hope in the fact that so many young people are risking their lives to protest.

“There is anger,” Friedman says, and from his position as a leader in the movement to address change, he reports he’s hearing from people he’s never heard from before. “People are willing to contribute time and money. This feels different.” He adds that “choosing not to act is part of the problem today.”

To sum it up, Friedman says, “If not now, then when? We need long-term real change. I’m committed.”

Miller says he is cautiously optimistic. “I’ve seen the outcry before, then people who have the luxury to forget get on with their lives. Tragedy has brought opportunity, if we allow it to.”

*DMIB’s mission is “to ensure the academic, social, emotional, and psychological well-being of African American students in Beachwood City Schools.” It meets monthly on the first Thursday at 7 pm. For further information, contact DMIB44122@gmail.com.*

Miller pointed out the need for individuals to check their own beliefs. “We will get over the coronavirus, but we will never get a vaccine or pill for hate, bigotry, or racism.” He recommends that faith groups “reach out to each other and get to know the best of one another. I don’t want to let the faith community off the hook. We should take the lead in bringing people together.”

Friedman explained that black people have tried to tell others what’s happening, but it has fallen on deaf ears. “We need the establishment to get up and take care of this.” He also notes that white people typically only see what’s caught on surveillance cameras or cell phones. “My clients tell me what’s really happening all of the time.”

Miller pointed out how diversity should be drawn upon to benefit

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# A Message From the Beachwood Police Department

**W**e asked Police Chief Gary Haba about policy and procedures at the Beachwood Police Department. He stated that all law enforcement officers take an oath to protect the constitutional rights and freedoms of the people they have been sworn to protect.

He also told us that the department provides de-escalation and diversity training on a regular basis, and the department's culture is to treat everyone fairly and respectfully. "We do our best," he said. "We get better results from being kind, which is reflected in the number of emails, cards, and letters we receive to thank us for our service."

We then asked about use of force, a major point of today's national conversations about policing. "Use of force requires constant evaluation," Chief Haba said. "Even at its lowest level, the use of force by police is a serious responsibility. Our department has specific policies regarding force that must be followed to serve our community and keep the peace."

"The use of force is a matter of critical concern, both to the public and to the law-enforcement community," he added. "Officers are involved in numerous and varied encounters with people on a daily basis and, where warranted, may use

force for self-defense or to gain control when carrying out the duties assigned to them."

Beachwood's officers are trained to have an understanding of and true appreciation for the limitations of their authority, particularly with respect to overcoming resistance from those with whom they come in official contact. If force is used, it must be objectively reasonable.

No policy can realistically predict every possible situation an officer might encounter in the field, so it is recognized that each officer must be entrusted with well-reasoned discretion in determining the appropriate use of force in each incident.

To monitor what goes on in the field, each officer has both dash and body cams, which can be monitored or reviewed by supervisors at any time.

The Beachwood Police Department also has a number of Standards of Conduct documents that outline expectations of the personal conduct of employees. One

document reads: Members shall not discriminate in words, deeds or gestures; in the performance of jobs, duties, or tasks; in enforcement of laws; and in delivery of services. Nor shall they establish a pattern of adverse impact in the delivery of services when such discrimination is based on a person's sex, ethnic background, race, color, national origin, lifestyle, preferred sexual orientation, religion, criminal history, age or social status.

"Our officers strive to maintain neutrality in the performance of duties and delivery of services to all persons, regardless of their personal characteristics, social status, or work conditions," Chief Haba reiterated. "Discrimination creates a serious threat to the well-being of everyone, and it exposes this organization to the possibility of civil and/or criminal action, neither of which are acceptable."

Any person may file a complaint with the department if they feel they have been stopped or searched based



on racial or other bias, and no person shall be discouraged, intimidated, or coerced from filing such a complaint, or discriminated against because they have filed such a complaint.

"The Beachwood Police Department investigates any and all complaints about anything, including bias and unequal treatment," Chief Haba concluded. "And we review body cam and dash cam footage to ensure appropriate conduct."

The City of Beachwood is an equal-opportunity employer. For questions or more information, call the Beachwood Police Department at 216.464.1234.

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A fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States to all who live in this nation is the equal protection under the law. Along with this right to equal protection is the fundamental right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures by government agents.

The Beachwood Police Department is charged with protecting these rights, for all, regardless of race, color, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical handicap, religion or other belief system, and/or other classification or group affiliation.

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– Excerpts from Biased Policing Policy, June 2019



Beachwood Police Chief Gary Haba



# I Am Listening

by Jennifer Stern

This article will take less than one minute to read. If you feel resistance or simmering annoyance, read it anyway. Racism impacts us all, and discomfort teaches us where our work is as individuals, families, and community.

When we create space in our thinking to rationalize, justify, dismiss, turn away from or excuse injustice, we are part of the systemic problem that must be changed.

To listen, consider, learn, and grow takes humility and an openness that can only exist when we remove defensiveness, self-protective narratives, and ego.

I remember the first time I read the statement *Black Lives Matter* on a Facebook feed after Trayvon Martin was killed. My response was *All Lives Matter*. I did not realize at the time how dismissive this statement was. That I was missing the point. When someone called me on it, my instinct was to

explain *my* perspective. A growth opportunity came from my ignorance. I was gifted a teachable moment. This wasn't about *me* or *my* perspective. I needed to listen, hear, and try to understand.

Compassion isn't enough.  
Concern isn't enough.  
Disgust isn't enough.

I do not have the right words, or any answers. I do have deep-rooted soul pain. And I have the desire to listen.

I have forever been inspired by the voices of change makers. People who have the courage, the grace, the wisdom, and the knowing that one voice has the power to inspire, to motivate, to inform, to create space, and

to organize in the name of humanity. In the name of justice.

I want to be an ally.

I have work to do.

My sons teach me every day.

Their friends teach me every day.

Martin Luther King. Maya Angelou. Desmond Tutu. Nelson Mandela...

Killer Mike (Michael Santiago Render). Keisha Bottoms (the mayor of Atlanta). Stephen Jackson (former NBA player who was friends with Floyd for more than 20 years)...

So many voices, too many to name. I am listening.

People making signs. Peaceful protests. Local leaders who speak in the name of justice. Voices, young and old, telling their stories through tears of outrage, weariness, and pain. Statements issued by Police Departments committing to policy change. Taking a knee. Walking beside. Posting.

The *how* is personal. The *why* is shared.

"In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

– Martin Luther King, Jr.



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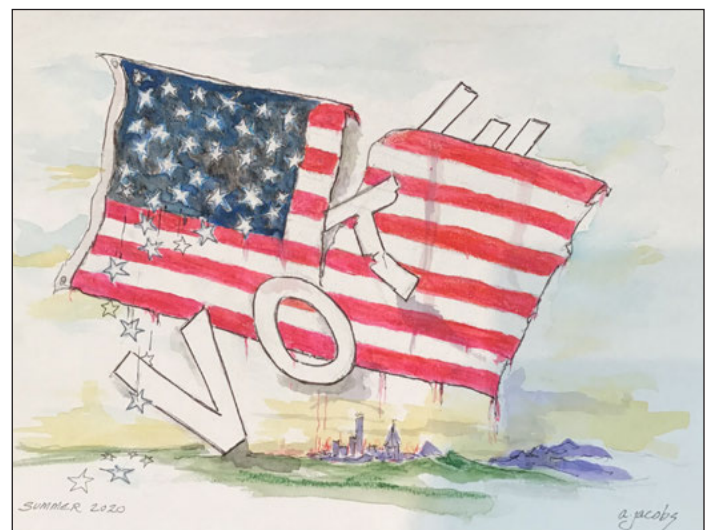


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The Menorah Park leadership and staff know our community counts on us to live up to our high standards and our commitment to provide beneficial resources. Our goal is to consistently help you and your loved ones live well and empowered through choices in services that fit your individual needs. This affiliation presents an excellent opportunity to combine our strengths and increase support for our entire community in keeping with the strong values we all hold dear. We will be able to support even more needs in the community by expanding services through

best practices, providing additional choices in programs and services, and becoming even stronger together.

*Our community is the reason Menorah Park exists, and we are honored to serve you with excellence in caring.*

As we began our planning for affiliation after our first announcement earlier this year, the focus for us and the nation shifted to COVID-19 with the important goal of safety and

well-being. Still, we kept our eyes on our desire to move forward with the affiliation and have successfully completed the legalities required. However, building upon services has just begun, and we will apprise you of important details as they are finalized.

We look forward to sharing the increasing benefits for you as we grow.

Our community is the reason Menorah Park exists, and we are honored to serve you with excellence in caring.

Sincerely,

*Jim Newbrough*  
Menorah Park CEO

## Menorah Park and Montefiore Recognized for Excellence

Menorah Park and Montefiore are the proud recipients of the Mount Sinai Health Care Foundations 2020 Maurice Saltzman Award for Medical Excellence. The award states: "On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, we offer our sincere thanks and deep gratitude for your hard work, sacrifice, and commitment to the health and safety of our community."

The award then names Menorah Park and Montefiore "Cleveland's Health Heroes."

It was signed by Judge Dan A. Polster, chair, Board of Directors; Enid B. Rosenberg, chair, 2020 Maurice Saltzman Award Selection Committee; and Mitchell Balk, president.

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# Funeral Traditions are Buried During Pandemic

By June Scharf

Love during a pandemic is fraught with many challenges, but so is death. The reality is that death falls within a very specific window of time, and its consequences have an urgency unlike anything else. Unfortunately, funerals now have mandates for limited capacity and mourners have the added injury of not being surrounded by the comfort of others.

Under these dire circumstances, funerals must go on, and funeral homes are tasked with executing rituals under these very limited conditions. Much of the homes' capacity remains untapped in terms of ceremonies not necessarily being performed on their property, casket selection more often done online, and transportation not provided due to the danger of close proximity of passengers.

It largely falls on the funeral directors' shoulders to manage the remaining moving pieces in this altered environment. Bart Bookatz, a 50-year industry veteran and a former 26-year-long Beachwood resident, is on the frontlines and he lends some insight into what's happening right now.

"Never in my 50 years in this business have we experienced what we're experiencing now," he says. "Nothing has ever been as horrific as this. [These conditions] don't give people a chance to mourn."

Government regulations prevent the attendance of many people at a chapel or funeral home. Graveside numbers are limited, with no end date for these rules as of press time. Also, visitation after burial is highly constrained or non-existent.

These circumstances dramatically affect the practice of customs in the Jewish religion, too. Ordinarily, there is a period of shiva afterward, whether it's

the traditional seven days, two days or even one day.

"This is when people can come over and pay their respects and tell you stories about the deceased and you interchange emotions that are healing," explains Bookatz.

"In the absence of these kinds of conversations, I see people not having the ability to mourn," he adds. "People don't have the ability to release their emotions, express their grief, and even sometimes their joy surrounding memories of the deceased."

During this pandemic crisis, there is very limited contact throughout the entire grieving process. At a particularly sharp pain point, after the graveside service is performed, people go their separate ways.

"Zoom is not a substitute. There's not that physical presence and emotional exchange."

As a result of all these obstacles, funeral directors feel that they cannot perform at the level to which they are accustomed.

"We're feeling inadequate. Normally, when we make funeral arrangements, we'll sit down either at my office or the family's home. As a professional, I'm able to see their reactions, how they're mourning, and then, by seeing their emotions, I can help in the way they feel most comfortable."

Ultimately, he notes, it's very hard to say "I'm sorry and



Bart Bookatz

Photo by Roy Minoff

I'm there for you" over the telephone. But he is able to counsel mourners by helping them sort out their emotions.

"There are a lot of feelings – anger, guilt, and what I call the 'what ifs' – what if I had done this, what if I had done that – and I always tell people, even if you had done that one 'what if' that you're questioning, there would be a second 'what if' behind it. You have to eventually come to the realization that those 'what ifs' can go on and on and on. At some point, you need to say, I did what I could, but now I also need to remember not what I didn't do but what I did do."

Another terrible aspect to these circumstances is the isolation related to ill patients in hospitals or nursing home facilities. Families and friends aren't given time to visit. "The biggest thing we hear now is, 'I haven't seen my parents in three months and now they're dead.' There are also restrictions on seeing dead bodies in some cases, particularly where the coronavirus is involved."

Those in the funeral home profession are taking extra precautions that were never before required. Bookatz describes new rules where no one is allowed in the funeral home facility without a mask and every entrance has a hand sanitizer. He also reports that the funeral home is cleaned

with sanitizers at a minimum of twice a day. Additionally, when the deceased is removed from a location, staff wear full protective gear, especially when in nursing homes.

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Zoom is not a substitute. There's not that physical presence and emotional exchange.

– Bart Bookatz, funeral director, Berkowitz, Kumin and Bookatz Memorial Chapel

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Bookatz, in many ways, mourns for grieving families and the ways the pandemic is impacting them.

"The way we're doing it now is not good, mentally or physically. The bereaved have support under ordinary circumstances. If one is isolated, then the mental part begins to play on the physical part. There isn't someone watching over the mourner to say, 'Come on, you have to eat, you can't stay inside, you can still walk around the block.' If the griever can't share and express emotions, the anguish sits inside and eats him or her up to a point where physically, the person begins to suffer from an inability to mourn."

Extra care in all directions and among all involved is needed during this fragile time.

## About BART BOOKATZ, 72 years old

### How did you get introduced to the funeral home business?

I'm the first generation in this business. I started at Cleveland Temple Memorial funeral home in Cleveland on 90th and Euclid, then we merged with Berkowitz and Kumin and became Berkowitz, Kumin and Bookatz. At one time, there were five Jewish funeral homes in Cleveland. Because of the cost of funerals and because younger generations weren't entering the profession, it was wise to merge some of these homes to serve the community.

One of the things that I learned from Leonard Labowitch, who brought me into this industry, was that 80% of this profession is customer service and 20% is business. If you don't do the service, you don't get the business.

I attended The Ohio State University for a couple years, then served in the military and

when I got out, I was going to return to OSU. I took a summer job answering phones above a funeral home at night for room and a little board. In those days, there was no such thing as answering services. When it was time to return to OSU, the man who was running the (Jewish) funeral home said, I think you might be good at this. Why don't you transfer to a college in Cleveland and continue working for me, he asked. We'll talk about getting your license and your staying in this profession while you see how you like it, he told me.

### Why did you choose to stay in the profession?

I realized I was helping people in a way that a small minority of people get a chance to do. There are not a vast number of funeral directors, and not a vast number

of Jewish funeral home directors. In my opinion, the Jewish way of death in normal circumstances offers the most comfort.

I wake up every morning and no day is the same. Each death is different. Each circumstance is different. My wife knows that if I have a child's funeral, when I come home, I might be a little tense. When I first entered this business, I was burying strangers, then it became my friends' grandparents, then parents, and now I'm at a stage where it's becoming my friends and unfortunately, sometimes my friends' children.

### Aside from being diplomatic, deferential, and trustworthy, what qualities make a person excel in this work?

Discretion. Whatever happens between me and the families stays between me and the families.

Whatever the circumstances are, in terms of family's relationship with the deceased or how that person died, is between me and the family, and my staff knows that too.

### How do you handle death on a daily basis?

I'm not cold to the idea of death; otherwise, I don't think I'd be a good funeral director. So, many times I get teary-eyed. Many times, in the car, I'll let it out. I take it out different ways. Maybe that's why I go to the gym every day of the week. That's MY time. That's when I let it out. I like to row and lift weights.

This is a calling as much as it is a profession. That's why we don't see our children going into it. They don't want to devote the hours and give up the weekends. They want to live a normal life.

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## Mindfulness – A Priority and Practice for Beachwood’s Safety Forces

By Arlene Fine

Serving on a city’s safety force has to be one of the most stressful jobs in America today. That’s why Beachwood Police Chief Gary Haba is committed to devoting a minimum of 15 to 30 minutes a day to mindfulness practice.

Mindfulness practice is a mental training program that teaches people how to slow down racing thoughts, let go of negativity, and calm their minds and bodies. It involves a breathing exercise, mental imagery, and muscle and body relaxation. By fully focusing on “the now,” people acknowledge and accept their thoughts, feelings, and sensations without judgment.

“I feel 100% better ever since I became involved with mindfulness practice early this year,” says Chief Haba. “I can actually feel my blood pressure lower, I’m able to focus on the situation at hand, and my problem-solving skills have improved.”

Along with Chief Haba, Beachwood’s Fire Chief Steven Holtzman and Assistant Fire Chief Shaun Lutz engage in daily mindfulness practice.

Their coach is Beachwood resident Missy Bystrom, director of the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center and mindfulness practice instructor with more than 20 years of experience.

Missy teaches mindfulness practice via Zoom every morning at 8 am.

“I follow Missy on Zoom, and then do modified versions of mindfulness on my own throughout the day, as needed,” says Chief Haba.

Missy’s goal is to use mindfulness practices to help people, like first responders, react to a situation mindfully – to respond rather than mindlessly react.

“Mindfulness helps people control their minds, rather than allowing their minds to control them,” says Missy. “There are so many swirling thoughts inside our heads, and practicing



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mindfulness helps channel these thoughts before they run amok. I teach people to come back to their breath. It's a place where they can settle their mind and refocus on the present."

Studies show eight in 10 Americans experience stress in their daily lives and find it very difficult to relax their bodies and calm their minds. Mindfulness practices can help reduce stress and provide the following evidence-based benefits:

- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce chronic pain
- Improve sleep
- Alleviate gastrointestinal difficulties
- Improve mental health
- Improve attention span
- Help prevent depression
- Reduce anxiety
- Lower the chance of substance abuse

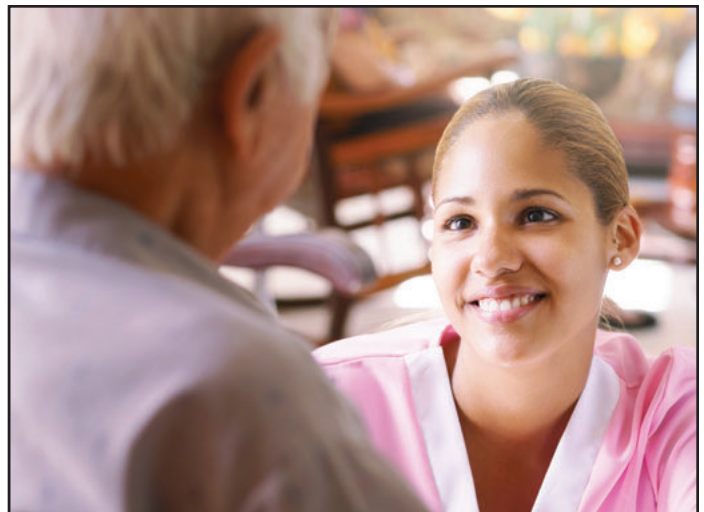
Looking to the future, Chief Haba, who thanks Beachwood Mayor Martin Horwitz and Beachwood Councilperson June Taylor for introducing him to mindfulness practice, hopes his fellow Beachwood safety-force

Mindfulness practice instructor Missy Bystrom helps people control their minds rather than have their minds control them.

members will choose to reap similar benefits like his. "Now that I have given credibility to mindfulness practice, I'm hopeful others will follow," says Chief Haba.

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"Mindfulness practice allows safety-force members to stay grounded while responding to situations that they have been called on to handle, helps de-escalate volatile situations, increases the likelihood of ethical decision-making, and improves community relations," says Councilperson Taylor. "Anything we can do to enhance the wellness, safety, and resiliency of our safety forces is in the best interests of everyone."



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# Perspective

I am a BHS grad (class of 2018) and am now a finance and accounting student at The Ohio State University. As such, I've taken my fair share of economics courses. In its essence, economics details the two compounding responses of any decision or market-adjusting factors: the short-term impact and long-term impact.

These are the boundaries through which we experience history as well. Often times, this is how we teach history to the next generation. Let me break it down: In just about every modern history course on the planet, we learn about World War II. We instinctively know the results. When World War II ended, the short-term impact was the fall of the Third Reich. Then we reflected on the long-term impacts of such a massive amount of crippling debt that ravaged any sense of individual economic prosperity for Germany, ultimately

leading to a unified European government that we now recognize as the European Union.

When 9/11 happened? Short-term, thousands of innocent lives perished and one of our most prominent signs of global prosperity evaporated in two swift motions. Long-term, a necessary implementation of greater flight securities to ensure the safety of domestic travelers while revitalizing a sense of unification.

Now, let's talk about the Civil Rights movement.

We could go on and on about the short-term: Every march and protest led to the procurement of a (faux) sense of inclusion among the country. For some reason, though, that's where we stopped. In the long term, we were taught that each march was basically a glorified, "And they all lived happily ever after."

We learn about propaganda and think that we're not susceptible to

it in a free world. But something like equality isn't that simple. The desegregation of schools did not desegregate the internal biases and hatred that were expressed towards the Black community. If you think that one day every racist White woke up and thought, "Wow, these people have the same legal rights as me now – guess we're the same!" then you're delusional.

*This battle is about acceptance. Ignorance is taught but love can be learned. We are all inherently capable of this.*

This is and always has been a battle of love versus hate. Laws don't change emotion, and we've constantly let love be suppressed by those manifesting the hatred. That's why it's systematic. The laws changed but the feelings didn't. Those feelings were passed down (and down and down) and this rooted commonality between racists never dissipated.

This is not something new to American society. For decades, those with authority have been utilizing Black talent as a launching pad to profits. Forums like the NBA Finals (where nine of ten starters were Black in 2019) or Rolling Loud (where 100% of headliners were Black) seem to be grossly and disproportionately attended by the White community. Our nation's historic racial disparity has prevented the Black community from witnessing its triumphs and, as Black culture continues to shape American culture, we're forced to really question if this is progressive.

That's why people are marching. People don't inherently hate police; people hate the inability of our nation to accept change. These murders continue to compound, and police brutality has yet to change in the face of protest. Our society has recognized



this and has accepted a role of complacency. We have refused to speak out when we see White supremacists in positions of authority – why have we kept silent when the Black community is prevented from their workplace opportunity?

If you're a young person like me, we have the opportunity to and MUST be the generation that makes the change. Imagine letting your children grow up under the same false pretense that everything was alright after MLK. Imagine not having them hear about Trayvon Martin or Tamir Rice or the endless list of names because of a narrative-driven false reality.

If you saw the video of George Floyd's murder and were anything less than mortified, you're inhuman. If you take offense to that claim, you're probably racist. The battle that's being fought right now on the streets in every city and small town across the United States is non-political. It doesn't deal with taxation or defense spending or foreign affairs. This battle is about acceptance. Ignorance is taught but love can be learned. We are all inherently capable of this.

But we need to be the ones to make this change ourselves. Don't just go vote in November; run for office. Don't just march for justice, call your legislator. We've been separated for so long already – shouldn't we be begging to assemble as one?

Continuing this dialogue is invaluable. My deepest condolences to the Floyd family. The least we can do to honor his legacy is to finally, once and for all, truly stop the hate.

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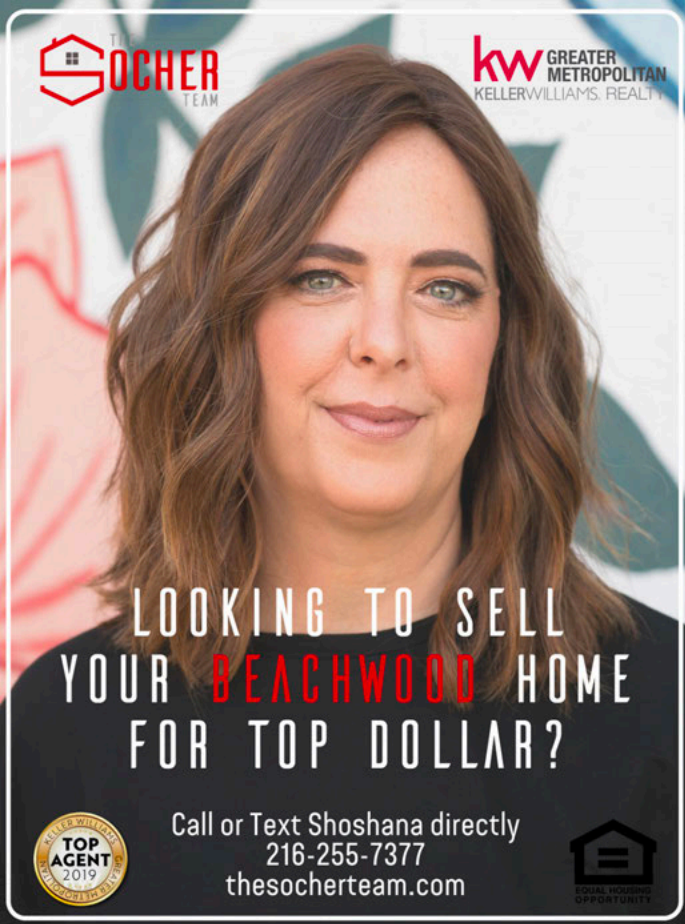
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# Lessons We Can Learn from Geese

By Dee Wolk

Wow, what an experience we are going through! Can we embrace it and promise ourselves to make this time very special for ourselves and others? Can we leave negative thoughts and experiences behind and concentrate on what we can learn from this pandemic? You know we all have the power to do this.

Wouldn't we all be blessed if we could build a caring community among ourselves – a community in which we reach out to one another and care?

I once read a wonderful piece called Lessons from the Geese, written by Dr. Robert McNeish.

I read it in



wonderment, and now share the following excerpts with you:

### Lessons from the Geese

As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an “uplift” for the bird following. By flying in a “V” formation, the whole flock adds 71% more flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the ‘lifting power’ of the bird immediately in front.

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point position.

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. When a goose gets sick or

wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow their fellow member down to help provide protection. They stay with this member of the flock until he or she is either able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own, with another formation, or catch up with their own flock.

This is truly a great lesson from geese. Let's learn from this and reach out, for we are really one. Let's make our environment a community of caring for one another.

This is a challenging time that we are all in together. Be safe and stay well.

*Dee Wolk, a Beachwood resident, is an inspirational speaker, author, and creator and founder of No Diet Weight Loss Solution®. For more information, visit [deewolk.com](http://deewolk.com).*

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“Time is brain” is a saying that emphasizes the importance of early treatment for stroke to prevent brain injury after a person has a stroke.

“The longer you wait to get treatment, the more likely that your brain will be damaged – and this damage could become permanent,” says Cathy Sila, MD, Chair of the Department of Neurology and Director of the University Hospitals System Stroke Program.

“You should immediately call 9-1-1 and be taken to the closest emergency room for the symptoms of a possible stroke,” Dr. Sila advises. “That’s the fastest way to receive the best treatment. Paramedics can save precious time by starting the initial triaging and alerting the hospital that a stroke patient is on the way.”

F.A.S.T. is a useful acronym that can help you remember some common stroke symptoms:

- Facial drooping;
- Arm weakness;
- Speech difficulty;
- Time to call for help.

However, it’s important to note that other symptoms, such as difficulty walking and clumsiness, as well as double vision or even loss of vision, and extreme headaches can be signs of stroke as well.

Because time is critical, Dr. Sila cautions, don’t wait around to see whether symptoms get worse – or even go away.

At the hospital, blood tests, CT scans and other diagnostic tools may be used to diagnose a potential stroke patient. Ischemic strokes – those that are caused by arterial blockages – can typically be treated with an intravenous clot buster called tPA (tissue plasminogen activator) if it can be administered within four hours after the stroke occurs.

UH Ahuja Medical Center is able to do most stroke treatment procedures such as advanced imaging, tPA therapy, catheter angiograms, and aneurysm coiling. For the most complex strokes, some patients may need to be transported to the main UH campus, UH Cleveland Medical Center.

“Nobody wants to go to the ER, but you shouldn’t take chances with a stroke,” Dr. Sila explains. “Patients can rest assured that we take every precaution to ensure that our facility is clean and safe for all of our patients and staff.”

Strokes can affect anyone at any age, and many strokes could be prevented if people made lifestyle changes. “The place to start is to know your numbers such as blood pressure, BMI, and cholesterol,” says Dr. Sila. “Your risk for stroke increases if these numbers are on the high end. Our UH neurologists work with patients to help them learn what their numbers mean, and help them know where they could make changes for a healthier lifestyle.”

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## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR HORWITZ

Abridged from his statement at the June 1, 2020 City Council Meeting

We stand with the Black community and the family of George Floyd to express our outrage at yet another senseless murder of a Black man.

As a mayor, an attorney and a citizen of this world, I believe in the human rights that we all inherently share. I also believe in our Beachwood Police Department and the diversity and de-escalation training they receive. We have set high standards and I routinely hear praise from those they assist.

I am just a mayor. I have made some positive changes, but I do not have all the answers. I know we can always do better and we can learn from each other's experiences. I am always available to discuss a problem with a resident, but I would like to do more, so the City of Beachwood will host an online Town Hall Meeting on July 8 at 7:00 PM through Webex Events.

We invite you to share ideas, concerns, thoughts, and anything else that will make us a more compassionate and respectful city. For complete information, visit [www.beachwoodohio.com](http://www.beachwoodohio.com).

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Monday, July 20 at 7:00 PM

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poses with Julie Konrad  
of Luna Presence Yoga  
Bring a chair, mat or towel

Sundays in July - TAI CHI

10:00 - 11:00 AM  
July 5, 12, 19, 26

Relax, breathe  
with Jennifer Stepien

Questions? 216-292-1970

Free & Open to the Public - Rain or Shine  
Perfect for all ages!

Beachwood Historical  
Society

CITY OF  
*Beachwood*

\*Physical distancing and face  
covering requirements apply

## BEACHWOOD FOOD DRIVE

We've joined the Greater Cleveland Food Bank in the fight against hunger with a City of Beachwood Online Food Drive.

One in six Northeast Ohioans struggle to put food on their table. You can help: Every \$1 donated provides enough food for 4 nutritious meals.

Make your 100% tax-deductible contribution now at this link:  
[www.GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org/CityofBeachwood](http://www.GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org/CityofBeachwood)

No matter how long the COVID-19 crisis lasts, hungry neighbors will continue to need our support. Help us to make a difference.



Greater Cleveland  
Food Bank

## USE CAUTION & BE SEEN

Use caution when walking at dawn, dusk and evening hours. Add reflective items to your clothing. When and if it is necessary to walk in the street, please walk facing traffic and if in a group, single file.

# City Insider

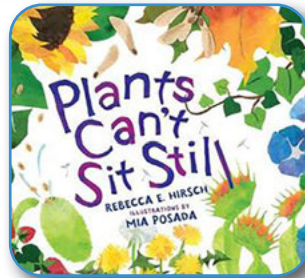
## STORYWALK IN THE PARK

Do plants really move? Absolutely! You might be surprised by all ways plants can move. Read the story as you walk along the trails at Beachwood City Park East.

Our July book is:  
"Plants Can't Sit Still"  
by Rebecca E. Hirsch.

Thank you to the Beachwood Branch of the Cuyahoga Public Library for the book donations.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson and developed in cooperation with the Kellogg Hubbard Library and the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition.



## SUMMER FUN BOX

Running out of things to do with the kids? Order a Summer Fun Box today! It



includes directions and materials for all sorts of fun and enriching activities.

You can get yours for \$15 each through our online registration webpage at

[www.beachwoodohio.com/registration](http://www.beachwoodohio.com/registration)

## BEACHWOOD VAN SERVICE

The Beachwood Community Services Department continues to



provide van service to resident seniors and residents with disabilities to get to medical appointments, or to pick up pre-paid grocery and pharmacy orders. To schedule a ride, please call 216.292.1970.

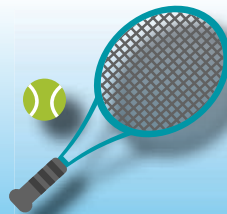
## SENIOR WELLNESS CALLS

Since mid-March, the Community Services Department has made over 4,000 phone calls to seniors in our area. Daily, weekly or bi-weekly calls are available free-of-charge. Interested in receiving a check-in phone call (or know someone who does)? Call 216.292.1970 and we will gladly add them to the call list.



## TENNIS ANYONE?

The Beachwood tennis courts and pickleball courts are open with restrictions posted.



## WATER SAFETY

Water safety is much more than swimming safety. It is being aware of all potential water dangers to children in and around your home and neighborhood. With most neighborhood pools being closed for the season due to COVID-19, families will look for alternative ways to cool off this summer, but cooling off does not come without risks.

Drowning is the leading cause of death for young children. Be aware of the potential risks and prevent unsupervised access to water. This includes in-ground and above-ground pools and spas, portable pools, bath tubs, buckets, and other bodies of water, such as rivers, lakes, ponds and canals.



Children can drown in just 1-2 inches of water. Each year, drowning claims the lives of about 500 children under 5 years old.

Where children are most at risk of drowning:

- Less than 1 year: In a bath
- 1-4 years: In a home pool
- 5-17 years: In ponds or lakes

For more information visit [www.watersafetyusa.org](http://www.watersafetyusa.org)

## NOISE/LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE

The City of Beachwood requests as a courtesy to your neighbors that all landscaping noise ceases by 5:00 PM. Because of social distancing, more families are spending time outdoors and loud noises are disruptive.

Our City Ordinance states the any objectionable or unreasonable noise that may be a disturbance to neighbors or other residents in the City should be limited between 7:00 PM and 7:00 AM, Monday through Friday; and 7:00 PM to 9:00 AM on Saturdays, Sundays and official holidays.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

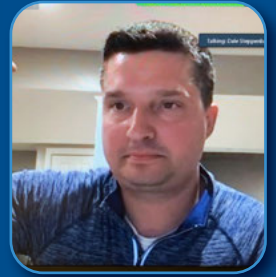
The Beachwood Community Garden is now open! All forty garden plots **sold out** in less than a week! Beachwood residents signed up to utilize individual gardens which are located on a closed basketball court that is adjacent to the Beachwood Community Center.

Gardeners provided their own plant material and planting utensils. Full sun and water are on-site. The area is completely fenced to protect the plant material and individual keys were issued to each gardener.

The annual fee was \$20 per garden with a \$50 required refundable deposit, which will be refunded when the key is returned at the end of growing season.

## WELCOME!

The City of Beachwood welcomes Dale Steppenbacker as the City of Beachwood's newest Building Inspector. Mayor Martin Horwitz administered the Oath of Office at the May 18 City Council meeting.



## Summer Sunday FREE DRIVE-IN MOVIE

July 12



August 16



RAIN OR SHINE!

PRESENTED BY CITY OF BEACHWOOD IN COOPERATION WITH BEACHWOOD CITY SCHOOLS

STAY IN YOUR CAR  
ENJOY A  
FREE MOVIE!

Beachwood High School  
Parking Lot  
STARTS AT 5:00 PM

RESERVATIONS MANDATORY  
Register:  
[www.beachwoodohio.com](http://www.beachwoodohio.com)

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Restrictions Apply



# RESIDENT FREE FACE-MASK DISTRIBUTION

The City of Beachwood distributed more than 5,000 free fabric face-masks to people in 1,330 vehicles between Sunday, June 7 and Tuesday, June 9. Thanks to everyone who took part in this effort to help stop COVID-19 in our City!



## RECREATION PROGRAMS: VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON



The City of Beachwood created a Virtual and In-Person Rec Guide on its website with links to activities, education and resources available to you and your family. Many offerings are free and a few have a minimal fee. If you have an idea or resource

that you would like to share, please email [recreation@beachwoodohio.com](mailto:recreation@beachwoodohio.com).

## PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT



Pickleball anyone? Our third-annual tournament is coming to Beachwood, sponsored by the Recreation Department and the Beachwood Historical Society on July 11. Food, prizes, fun and more! Join the fastest-growing sport in America. Please be sure to register for the correct tournament and level. Men's Doubles or Mixed

Doubles are either rated at 2.5/3 or 3.5 and will run from 9:00 AM - Noon. Women's group 2.5/3 and 3.5 will run from Noon - 2:00 PM.

Register at [www.beachwoodohio.com/registration](http://www.beachwoodohio.com/registration)

**FOLLOW US** Details regarding the effects of COVID-19 are changing on a daily basis. Stay informed by following the City of Beachwood online:

- [WWW.BEACHWOODOHIO.COM](http://WWW.BEACHWOODOHIO.COM)
- [FACEBOOK.COM/BEACHWOODOH](https://FACEBOOK.COM/BEACHWOODOH)
- [TWITTER.COM/BEACHWOODOH](https://TWITTER.COM/BEACHWOODOH)



We continue to encourage residents to claim a free CodeRED emergency communications account. Click the red circle icon on the left-hand side of [www.BeachwoodOhio.com](http://www.BeachwoodOhio.com)



## Why Join the Chamber?

### Message from the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce:

With the COVID-19 pandemic far from over, things are beginning to return to normal, but in new ways. People are networking again, only now via video and direct message. Clients are reaching out for services. Businesses have their footing and are prepared to open with procedures to protect their staff and customers. Life may never be the same, but we are all adjusting and moving forward.

**As businesses reopen, they need our help!** Please continue to shop, purchase gift certificates, order take out, and support local businesses in any way you can. Also, I invite you to participate in our virtual programs to keep in touch and to see some familiar faces. For updated information, visit [beachwood.org](http://beachwood.org).

Please contact us if you have any questions or are in need of resources. We will do our best to help, and to support you and the community.

### Heathyr Ullmo, Beachwood Chamber Board President

## **SALE! 2021 Workers' Compensation Premium Saver Program**

- PPS Service Promise:**
- Receive Highest Qualified Group Rating Discounts
  - ALWAYS Competitive Service Fees
  - 30% Sign-Up Referral Fee Back to Chamber
  - FMLA and Unemployment Services also available
  - Expert Claims Management, and much more!



**Request a FREE quote by emailing [peter.young@paramountpreferredsolutions.com](mailto:peter.young@paramountpreferredsolutions.com)**

**PPS is a Beachwood Chamber of Commerce Member**

**T**he Beachwood Chamber of Commerce promotes business opportunities and community partnerships to stimulate economic vitality. We offer many options and benefits to residents and businesses, with opportunities to be as engaged as **YOU** want to be!

**Networking:** The Beachwood Chamber hosts monthly luncheon and Networking After Five events that offer opportunities to make new business contacts, reconnect with existing connections, and promote your company.

**E-blast Newsletter:** This weekly newsletter is delivered to more than 2,000 people. You do not have to be a member to receive it. Visit [www.beachwood.org](http://www.beachwood.org) for details.

**Events:** The Chamber hosts annual events that include a golf outing and Taste of Beachwood. We also collaborate with the City of Beachwood and the Beachwood Schools on initiatives that bring our business community and residents together. To provide more networking opportunities, several chambers have created ECCA (Eastern Cuyahoga Chamber Alliance). Participating chambers include Beachwood, Heights-Hillcrest, Warrensville Heights, Solon, Euclid, and Mayfield.

**Employment Opportunities:** Whether you are a company looking for new talent or an individual looking for a new career opportunity, contact the Chamber. We have a great referral program.

**Sponsorship Opportunities:** Sponsorship opportunities are available for each Chamber event. They provide a great way to promote your business and boost community involvement.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Chamber events are driven by committees, all of which welcome new members at any time. Meetings are held for an hour each month.

**Affordable Rates:** Joining the Chamber is simple and affordable. Discounted rates are available for non-profit and some service organizations. For more information about the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce, call 216.831.0003 or visit [www.beachwood.org](http://www.beachwood.org).

# Beachwood CLASS OF 2020

2020



# The Beachwood Schools Foundation Awards and Scholarships

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

Every year the Foundation manages more than two dozen funds awarding nearly \$15,000 to deserving Beachwood High School seniors. Below are the recipients from the Beachwood High School Class of 2020



*Madelyn Alexander*



*James Flowers*



*Yingying Gao*



*Parker Gill*



*Cassidy Gilliam*



*Alexandra Glova*



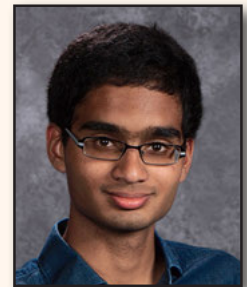
*Athena Grasso*



*Lena Leland*



*Miranda Luxenburg*



*Nikhil Murali*



*Ashley Perryman*



*Carly Petti*



*Laila Ramadan*



*Jemiah Richardson*



*Joelle Rosenthal*



*Liat Schiowitz*



*Haeun Shim*



*Zoe Shook*



*Priyanka Shrestha*



*Gabriel Stern*



*Olivia Wilbur*



*Kayla Williams*



*Jordyn Zawatsky*



### **THE GINA MICHELLE AGIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

#### **Recipient: Carly Petti**

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

### **THE VERA ARLEN SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipient: Cassidy Gilliam**

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

### **THE BEACHWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipient: Gabriel Stern**

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

### **THE BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY PTO GARAGE SALE SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipient: Yingying Gao**

This scholarship is awarded annually to a Beachwood graduating senior who has been outstanding in one of the following: Community service, character and citizenship, exhibiting enthusiasm for school and community.

### **THE BEACHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipient: Parker Gill**

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

### **THE BEACHWOOD BOOSTERS ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

#### **Recipients: James Flowers and Ashley Perryman**

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

### **THE CLEVELAND CLINIC HEALTH CAREER SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipient: Laila Ramadan**

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

### **THE DAVE AND JANICE BLOOM SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipient: Madelyn Alexander**

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

### **THE DONNA BICKOFF COHEN SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipient: Lena Leland**

The Donna Bickoff Cohen Scholarship was established in 2011 by contributions from the community in memory of Donna who was active in nearly everything Beachwood, particularly the schools. The scholarship honors a student with a "can do" attitude who embodies the spirit of the Beachwood Schools and pride in the Beachwood community.

### **THE FRED AND CARLA CROSBY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipient: Jemiah Richardson**

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

### **THE HARVEY FRIEDMAN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipient: Nikhil Murali**

This award is given annually to a Beachwood High School graduating senior who has demonstrated significant leadership during his or her high school career. It was founded by Harvey and Shirley Friedman and their family in 1998.

### **THE GEVELBER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipient: Miranda Luxenburg**

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

### **THE ARTHUR GUGICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipient: Gabriel Stern**

This award was established in 2020 in the memory of Arthur Gugick, who, throughout his life, was truly an extraordinary individual. Arthur saw and experienced life through varying perspectives and creative modalities. In memory of Arthur's many contributions to the academic and artistic communities this award will be presented to a Beachwood High School graduating senior who, through the creative process and completion of an original "work of art" will convey the spirit that Arthur left behind.

### **THE PAM AND DAN JOHNSTON SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipient: Kayla Williams**

This award, established by friends of Pam and Dan in 2001, recognizes their contributions to the Beachwood Schools. It is awarded annually to a Beachwood High School student who will be participating in the graduation ceremony, and experiences challenges over and above the trials and tribulations facing today's young adults. The applicant must have strength and support while confronting struggles with passion and perseverance. He or she must have plans to continue in a program that enhances his/her future.

### **THE ROBERT D. KATES AWARD**

#### **Recipients: Lena Leland and Zoe Shook**

This award, established in his memory in 1999, is given annually to a Beachwood High School graduating senior who has shown outstanding leadership within Student Council.

### **THE KAM AND CHIEN LIAO MATH AND NATURAL SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipient: Priyanka Shrestha**

This scholarship, established in 2007 by Dr. and Mrs. Liao, is awarded annually to a Beachwood High School graduating senior who has been outstanding in mathematics or natural sciences, will attend a four-year college or university and who indicates a desire to pursue a career in the area of Natural Sciences, Engineering or Mathematics. This student must also have a 4.0 in core subjects.

### **THE JOAN LOBERT SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipient: Joelle Rosenthal**

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

### **THE JILL DOBRIN MENACHEM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipient: Olivia Wilbur**

This scholarship, established in 2002 by the Dobrin Family, is awarded annually to a Beachwood High School graduating senior whose love of children and concern for their welfare have motivated her/him to pursue a career in Early Childhood Education or a related field working with young children.

### **THE JAY SHLACHTER ART AWARD**

#### **Recipient: Haeun Shim**

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Shlachter established this scholarship in memory of their son in 1998. The award is given annually to a Beachwood High School graduating senior who has demonstrated an appreciation and talent in the area of fine arts and intends to pursue a career in that area.

### **THE DAKOTA "CODY" WEINER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipient: Liat Schiowitz**

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

### **THE WEISENBERG FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipients: Athena Grasso and Gabriel Stern**

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

### **THE NORM WEISS SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipient: Jordyn Zawatsky**

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

### **THE PAUL AND KATE WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Recipient: Nikhil Murali**

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

### **THE DR. JERRY S. AND GAIL R. WOLKOFF CIVIC AWARD**

#### **Recipients: Alexandra Glova**

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

### **THE WHITE AND GOLD SCHOLARSHIP FOR BISON PRIDE**

#### **Recipient: Joelle Rosenthal**

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

# COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

## SYNTHOMER FOUNDATION

Recipient: **Kamryn Clark**

## PARKER HANNIFIN SCHOLARSHIP

Recipients: **Nickalaus Buford-Hullum** and **Stephanie Yen**

## FRIENDS OF THE BEACHWOOD LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP

Recipients: **Amanda Leizman** and **Stephanie Yen**

## MICHAEL FRIEDMAN'S BUCKEYE AUTO LEASE SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: **Joelle Rosenthal**

## BEACHWOOD BAND BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: **Kanrry Kang**

*This award is presented to a Beachwood High School senior who will be pursuing music in the future and has completed a scholarship essay pertaining to that.*

## BEACHWOOD FEDERATION OF TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: **Stephanie Yen**

*This award was established to honor a member of Beachwood High School's graduating class who has shown personal commitment to academics, school activities, and community service.*

## BEACHWOOD PTO SCHOLARSHIPS

Recipients: **Parker Gill, Athena Grasso, Lena Leland, Vivian Li, Prerna Mukherjee, Laila Ramaden, Joelle Rosenthal, Priyanka Shrestha, Anna Ward** and **Stephanie Yen**

## KEITH BANKHEAD MEMORIAL AWARD

Recipient: **JeShaun Minter**

*This award is presented to a student who has excelled in the sport of basketball.*

## WENDELL DAVID HAYNES MEMORIAL AWARD

Recipient: **Kelsea Brown**

*This award is presented to a student who has contributed countless hours in community service.*

## CHAGRIN HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB AWARD

Recipient: **Liat Schiowitz**

*This award is presented to a student who works hard to maximize his or her talent while making substantial contributions to better the community.*



## Foundation Scholarships by High School Department



**Jemiah Richardson**  
Career and Technical  
Education



**Amanda Leizman**  
English



**Gabriel Colmenares**  
Mathematics



**Tal Yankevich**  
Performing Arts



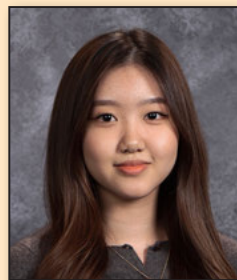
**Priyanka Shrestha**  
Science



**Lena Leland**  
Social Studies



**Ryan Rosenfeld**  
Technology



**Haeun Shim**  
Visual Arts



**Prerna Mukherjee**  
World Language

# AWARDS

## RANDY S. BOROFF BISON AWARD

Recipients: **Joseph Spero**

*This award recognizes a young man and woman who have served the school with spirit and enthusiasm.*

## GAIL BREWSTER JCWA AWARD

Recipient: **Tal Yankevich**

*Awarded to a senior who demonstrates spirit and dedicated commitment to the work of the JCWA.*

## OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE OCULUS

Recipient: **Liza Harris**

## OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO INTROSPLECT

Recipient: **Shannon O'Neil**

## OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE BEACHCOMBER

Recipients: **Vivian Li** and **Prerna Mukherjee**

## STUDENT COUNCIL SPIRIT AWARD

Recipient: **Lena Leland**

## CLEVELAND TECHNICAL SOCIETY - SENIOR

Recipient: **Nikhil Murali**

*Outstanding Senior in Science and Math*

## OMEA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST ORCHESTRA STUDENTS

Participants: **Abigail Adams, Matthew Keyerleber, Laila Ramadan, Zoe Shook, Tal Yankevich** and **Jesse Wu**

## OMEA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST BAND STUDENT

Participant: **Kanrry Kang**

## OUTSTANDING BAND MEMBER

Recipient: **Ethan Jeffers**

## OUTSTANDING ORCHESTRA SERVICE

Recipient: **Tal Yankevich**

## OUTSTANDING CHIOR MEMBER

Recipient: **Eric Golovan**

## FRIENDS OF BEACHWOOD ORCHESTRA

Recipient: **Zoe Shook**

## ARCHIE GRIFFIN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Recipients: **Erion Gibson** and **Dawann Gray**

## OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION COURAGEOUS STUDENT AWARD

Recipients: **Ayla Gambrell** and **Matthew Keyerleber**

## OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

Recipients: **Gabriel Colmenares** and **Amanda Leizman**

## OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Recipients: **Elijah Durham Harris** and **Cassidy Gilliam**

## CHAGRIN VALLEY CONFERENCE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Recipients: **Ashley Perryman** and **Gabriel Colmenares**

## OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR SPORTSMANSHIP, ETHICS AND INTEGRITY

Recipient: **Scott Spero**

*This award is presented to a coach, teacher, administrator or booster of the school athletic program.*

# EXCEL TECC AWARDS

## EXCEL TECC DEPARTMENTAL SENIOR AWARD - MARKETING

Recipient: **Jack Brewer**

## EXCEL TECC DEPARTMENTAL SENIOR AWARD - EXERCISE SCIENCE AND SPORTS REHAB

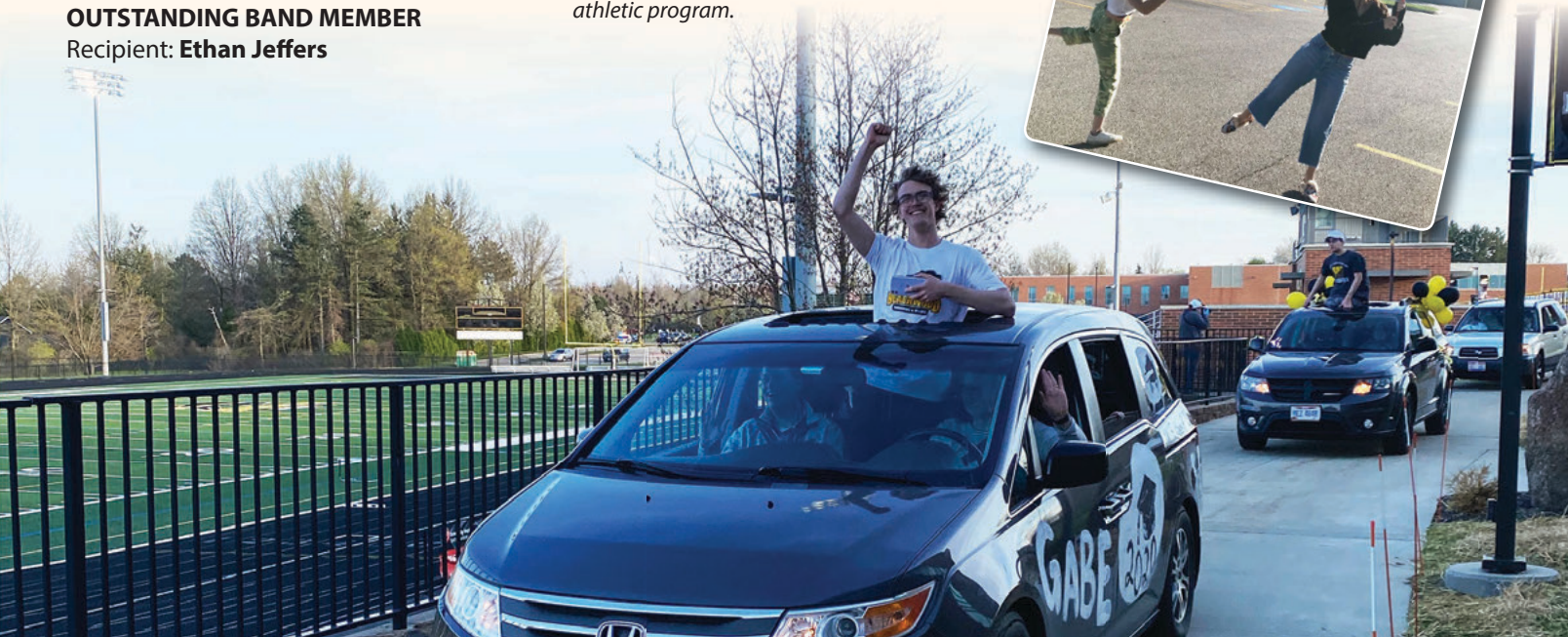
Recipient: **Ayla Gambrell**

## HILLCREST ROTARY AWARD - ALLIED HEALTH

Recipient: **Kamryn Clark**

## HILLCREST ROTARY AWARD - MARKETING

Recipient: **Tyler Stovsky**



# BEACHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2020

NAME	COLLEGE
Abigail Lee Adams	Case Western Reserve University
Alhameedi Abdulaitf Alqahs	Kent State University
Madelyn Claire Alexander	University of Findlay
Tiani Denise Allen	Bowling Green State University
Ahmonra Taryn Ballard	Undecided
Andrew Joseph Belleli	Florida State University
Aliza Danielle Bergman	Boston University
Alexandria Elizabeth Bowling	Undecided
Jack Phillip Brewer	Miami University
Ruth Renee Brown	Grove City College
Kelsea Sabrina Brown	Miami University
Jelani Kareem Byrd	Alabama A&M University
Adam Jacob Charnas	The Ohio State University
Dylan Matthew Cira	Miami University
Kamryn Cristina Clark	Miami University
Kylan David Clark	Undecided
Gabriel Allen Colmenares	Yale University
Malinda Alice Creel	Hiram College
Channah M. Creve	Cuyahoga Community College
Natalia Marie Damiani	Kent State University
Roberto M. DeMarchi	John Carroll University
Dwight E. DeVaughn Jr.	Johnson C. Smith University
Lily Anne DeYoung	The Ohio State University
Bennie Dukes	Cuyahoga Community College
Elijah Ahmad Durham-Harris	The Ohio State University
Hriday Dutt	The Ohio State University
Yeshaya Dovid Farmer	Undecided
James Joseph Flowers	The Ohio State University
Sarah Jane Sasha Fullerton	Claremont McKenna College
Ayla Lael Gambrell	University of Kentucky
Yingying Gao	Miami University
Erion Irene Gibson	Undecided
Parker Kane Gill	Miami University
Cassidy Janaya Gilliam	North Carolina A&T
Alexandra Anna Glova	University of Pittsburgh

NAME	COLLEGE
Eric Scott Golovan	Baldwin Wallace University
Athena Ya-Ling Grasso	Emory University
Dawann Antwann Gray Jr.	Undecided
Benjamin Greysukh	The Ohio State University at Newark
Morgan D. Hammond	Undecided
Liza Brielle Harris	University of Mount Union
James Henry	Undecided
Kacey Vie Hoffmann	Miami University
Nickalaus Hunter Buford-Hullum	University of Dayton
Joshua Gordon Hutchins	Cuyahoga Community College
Michael Alexander Hutchins	The Ohio State University at Mansfield
David Joshua Israerstem	Miami University
Cimone Cheree Jackson	Jackson State University
Ethan Edward Jeffers	Rochester Institute of Technology
Kanrry Kang	Cleveland State University
Isaac Morris Kantarovich	The Ohio State University
Sophie Karl	The University of Arizona
Matthew William Keyerleber	Cleveland State University
Spencer Ari Kornspan	The University of Akron
Taryn Esther Lackritz	The Ohio State University
Aaliyah Larry-Mitchell	The University of Akron
Amanda May Leizman	University of Virginia
Lena Simone Leland	The Ohio State University
Joseph Theodore Lewis	The College of Wooster
Rondell Shelby Lewis	The Ohio State University
Vivian Yong Li	University of Southern California
Miranda Taylor Luxenburg	The Ohio State University
Sabrina Nicole Machtay	Brandeis University
Lauren Mason	Cuyahoga Community College
Christian Mayfield	University of Akron
De Aja K. Mays	Bowling Green State University
Deon'te Andre McCutchen Jr.	Chandler Gilbert Community College



# College Decisions

NAME	COLLEGE
JeShaun M. Minter	Undecided
Prerna Mukherjee	Carnegie Mellon University
Sophia Emilia Muliolis	Kent State University
Nikhil Murali	Georgia Tech
Shannon Anne O'Neill	Bard College
Ryo Okamoto	Ohio University
Alexandra Chelsea Olsen-Frayne	Miami University
Jacob Osbourne	Undecided
Anna Grace Isabella Owens	Cleveland State University
Olivia Rae Patterson	Undecided
Layah Pelts	Marymount Manhattan College
Ashley Marie Perryman	Grand Valley State University
Carly Lauren Petti	Miami University
Nicole A. Petty	Cleveland State University
Alexander Le Pham	Loyola University Chicago
Lela Monet Polk	Kent State University
Laila B. Ramadan	Brandeis University
Scott Ravida	Miami University
Jemiah Marcia Halle Richardson	Bowling Green State University
Kaela Marae Rocker	University of Pittsburgh Bradford
Antonio Roscoe	Undecided
Ryan David Rosenfeld	University of Cincinnati
Joelle Hannah Rosenthal	Columbia University/Tel Aviv University Dual Degree Program
Seth Rosky	Gap Year
Maha Saad	Syracuse University
Yana Sakhanovych	Undecided
Clinton James Sansonetti	University of Cincinnati
Ariella Meital Schiowitz	Gap Year Israel
Liat Schiowitz	University of Cincinnati
Alana Marjorie Schwartz	Kent State University
Spencer Eli Sharp	Ohio University
Zyad Shehadeh	University of Michigan
Haeun Shim	The Ohio State University

NAME	COLLEGE
Zoe Franz Shook	The Ohio State University
Priyanka Shrestha	The Ohio State University
Ari Jacob Sokol	The Ohio State University
Joseph Marc Spero	West Virginia University
Elana Rochelle Spiegel	Gap Year Israel
Andrew Lukas Steckner	University of Cincinnati
Max L. Steiger	University of Michigan
Ashlei Shaphane Stephens	Undecided
Gabriel Cohen Stern	The New School Parsons
Tyler Jordan Stovsky	University of California Los Angeles
Lucila Thal	The Ohio State University
Paisley Michelle Truitt	Kent State University
Connor A. Umpleby	Indiana University
Rashard M. Vanzant	Cleveland Job Corps
Lucas Timothy Velazquez	Columbia College Chicago
Ivy Aimy Vu	Cleveland State University
LeTraize Don'Sean Alexander Walker	Undecided
Kilani Neve'ah Wallace-Teal	Undecided
Anna Cecilia Ward	Gap Year
Liam Bradley Wasserman	The Ohio State University
Kenneth Weary	Undecided
Olivia Doris Wilbur	The Ohio State University
Kayla Lanissa Williams	Nursing School
Mirabelle Elizabeth Wooley	Cuyahoga Community College
Jesse Wu	Ohio University
Tal Yankevich	The Ohio State University
Stephanie Yen	Princeton University
Ellen Yoon	Undecided
Matthew Haim Young	The Ohio State University
Eden Zamir	Undecided
Jordyn Emily Zawatsky	University of Central Florida
Jared Lev Zullig	Case Western Reserve University

# BEACHWOOD CLASS OF 2020

## ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE AWARDS

Ruth Brown	Vivian Li	Priyanka Shrestha
Gabriel Colmenares	Prerna Mukherjee	Tyler Stovsky
Alexandra Glova	Nikhil Murali	Stephanie Yen
Athena Grasso	Zyad Shehadeh	Ellen Yoon
Amanda Leizman		

### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

Athena Grasso	Vivian Li	Stephanie Yen
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### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMMENDED STUDENTS

Gabriel Colmenares	Amanda Leizman	Priyanka Shrestha
Alexandra Glova	Nikhil Murali	Tal Yankevich

### HONORS DIPLOMA

Abigail Adams	Parker Gill	Vivian Li	Joelle Rosenthal	Lucila Thal
Aliza Bergman	Alexandra Glova	Miranda Luxenburg	Maha Saad	Olivia Wilbur
Ruth Brown	Eric Golovan	Sabrina Machtay	Zyad Shehadeh	Tal Yankevich
Gabriel Colmenares	Athena Grasso	Prerna Mukherjee	Zoe Shook	Stephanie Yen
Roberto DeMarchi	Liza Harris	Nikhil Murali	Priyanka Shrestha	Ellen Yoon
Lily DeYoung	Ethan Jeffers	Shannon O'Neill	Andrew Steckner	Matthew Young
Hriday Dutt	Isaac Kantarovich	Carly Petti	Max Steiger	Jordyn Zawatsky
Sarah Fullerton	Amanda Leizman	Laila Ramadan	Tyler Stovsky	Jared Zullig
Yingying Gao	Lena Leland	Scott Ravida		

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SENIORS

Aliza Bergman	Athena Grasso	Miranda Luxenburg	Joelle Rosenthal	Tyler Stovsky
Ruth Brown	Liza Harris	Sabrina Machtay	Zyad Shehadeh	Lucila Thal
Gabriel Colmenares	Isaac Kantarovich	Prerna Mukherjee	Zoe Shook	Stephanie Yen
Sarah Fullerton	Taryn Lackritz	Anna Owens	Priyanka Shrestha	Matthew Young
Ayla Gambrell	Amanda Leizman	Ashley Perryman	Andrew Steckner	Jordyn Zawatsky
Alexandra Glova	Lena Leland	Carly Petti	Max Steiger	Jared Zullig
Eric Golovan	Vivian Li	Laila Ramadan		

### MAC SCHOLARS

Kelsea Brown	Ayla Gambrell	Cassidy Gilliam	Ashley Perryman	Kaela Rocker
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### NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY

Jack Brewer	Carly Petti	Liam Wasserman
Kamryn Clark	Max Steiger	Matthew Young
James Flowers	Tyler Stovsky	Jordyn Zawatsky
Parker Gill	Lucila Thal	

**Magna Cum Laude:** Top 10% of the graduating class by weighted GPA

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

# Artistic Fun

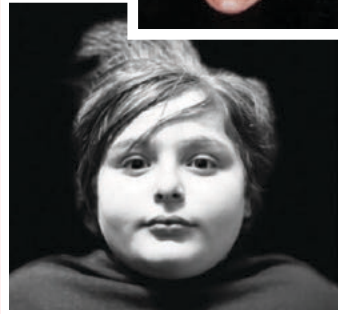
During quarantine, Rachel Hartwig, Beachwood Schools' visual arts specialist, assigned a project that was sparked by The J. Paul Getty Museum. She challenged students to replicate a piece of art with use of their imagination and items found at home. Here are some results! Getty received thousands of clever recreations that can be viewed at [tinyurl.gettycontest](https://tinyurl.gettycontest).



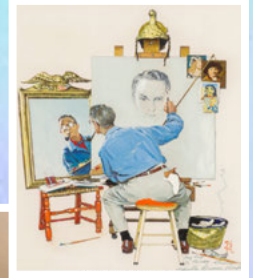
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Picasso, Self Portrait



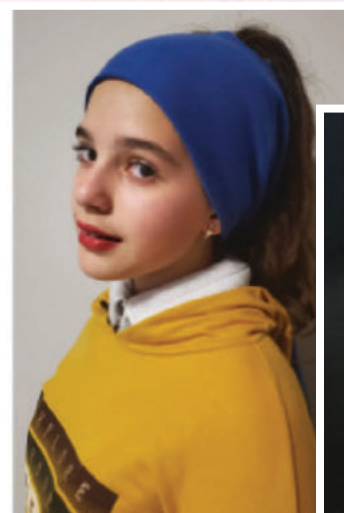
**Jackson Hanlin**  
Andy Warhol  
Self Portrait



**Louoh Kim**  
Vincent van Gogh, Self Portrait with Bandaged Ear



**Eli Ward**  
Norman Rockwell  
Portrait of a Portrait



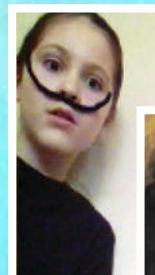
**Yaprak Zilmaz**  
Johannes Vermeer  
Girl with a Pearl Earring



**Sarah Zhou**  
M.C. Escher  
Hand with Reflecting Sphere



**Mikinzi Jones**  
Gustave Courbet  
Self Portrait, The Desperate Man



**Shana Kelly**  
Salvador Dali  
Self Portrait

# Michael Friedman is in the Driver's Seat at Buckeye Auto Lease

**M**ichael Friedman is all Beachwood. He grew up here, is a BHS Grad (class of '82, voted into Beachwood Gallery of Success in 2009), resides in Beachwood, raised three children in our community, and is now a business owner with offices on Chagrin Boulevard. Michael built a performance-inspired career in the automotive industry and recently put himself in the driver's seat by launching Buckeye Auto Lease to serve as your red-carpet concierge.

He graduated from The Ohio State University with plans to build a career in finance. As a recent college grad, he thought he'd succeed as a financial advisor but struggled to land a job. His friend and fraternity brother, Steve Severin, suggested he sell cars, saying he'd be really good at it.

Michael did. He planned to try it for a year and then reevaluate his plan. A year passed, he loved the industry, and never looked back. Michael has gone from Ganleyman to Adventureman to Buckeyeman, which is sure to stick!

Buckeye was created in December 2019 and opened its doors at 3311 Richmond Rd. on March 1. In his first month, Michael made 20 deals, a number that continues to grow monthly. To date, he has hired three veteran salespeople with whom he has worked in the past.

We asked Michael what motivated him to start Buckeye Auto Lease.

"I've worked in this industry for a long time, have built hundreds of strong relationships along the way, and wanted to control my own destiny," he told us. "I've had opportunities in the past to run successful businesses and knew that I could succeed on my own.

"I'm a people person," he added. "My passion is to help people. I know where money is hidden and how to get the best deals, and I can make a deal in a few minutes that may take someone else a few days to finalize."

Michael explained how the auto industry is changing. He also shared in detail how Buckeye Auto Lease is unique.

"Dealerships compete for my business because most of the customers we bring in are new to them," he said. "They sell at the lowest price because they don't have to do a lot of work; and since dealerships are paid on volume, each deal helps with their numbers, which helps to create volume bonuses.

"I've worked with dealerships in Northeast Ohio for decades, many of which I helped get to where they are today. Many of the people I'm working with now used to work for me and are now running their own dealerships. We have longstanding relationships built on trust, so I know they're giving my customers the best deals."

He added, "We work more as consultants than as salespeople by personalizing the shopping experience, eliminating hard-sale or pressure tactics, and saving people time and money. We listen to our customers, provide a service, and get regular feedback about how easy the process was and that customers will never buy a car any other way.

"The model at Buckeye is simple: Customers decide if they want to meet at their home, a

dealership, or our offices. If at a dealership, the cars will be ready for them to test drive. If at home or the office, the car they select will be there and ready to go.

"Not only do we meet each customer at a location of their choice, we make sure that all cars are clean, sanitized, and ready to be test driven," Michael emphasized. "If someone wants to test drive by themselves, fine. If he or she wants one of us go with them, that's fine too. We will even sit in the back seat if requested. It's a rough time and we respect everyone's preference when it comes to social distancing. Then, once a choice is made, we negotiate the best deal for our customer. We cruise through the buying and delivery processes, making each transaction a breeze."

Buckeye also inspects cars that are being returned and advises what needs to be fixed before turning them in. They also help customers sell their cars, and provide referrals for accessories or repairs.

"We're a leasing company on steroids and are here to answer questions," Michael added. "I thrive on educating people and building relationships. We save people time, money, and all the headaches that come with buying a car the traditional way. Plus, we roll out the red carpet for every single customer."

To complement Buckeye Auto Lease, Michael opened Eton Car Wash by Buckeye Auto Lease, an on-site car wash in the Eton parking garage. Services are available for guests and tenants.



They provide detailing, cleaning, and enhancement services, and offer a simple drop-off and pick-up service in front of The Stone Oven. Services are by appointment only.

We asked Michael to share a couple of things that people don't know about him. He said: "I'm a racehorse owner. My dad had racehorses when I was growing up and I developed a passion for them and for racing. My best horse, Leona's Reward, has been voted 'Best Ohio Female Horse of the Year' for the past four years. In the past few months, two colts were born: Neil and Dicky. Neil, because I can sing like Neil Diamond, and Dicky, named after my dad."

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Michael has three children: Morgan, Mara, and Matthew. Michael's significant other, Linda Blumenthal, also a Beachwood resident, is Michael's partner at Eton Car Wash and works as a realtor at Howard Hanna on Paul Blumberg's team.

Buckeye Auto Lease established a scholarship through the Beachwood Schools Foundation. Congratulations to this year's recipient, Joelle Rosenthal.

For more information, visit [buckeyeautolease.com](http://buckeyeautolease.com).



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## Volunteers Needed

### Want to brighten someone's day? Volunteer with JFSA!

JFSA is soliciting new volunteers because of a significant increase in the number of elderly and disabled individuals who need nutritious meals delivered to their homes. Deliveries are on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings. Volunteers pick up boxed meals at the Myers Apartment kitchen (on Cedar Road in Beachwood) between 8:30 and 9:30 am, and will spend about one-and-a-half hours making deliveries.

If you are available and willing to help deliver kosher meals, along with a friendly greeting and warm smile, contact Sandy Lusher-

Waterhouse at 216.378.3475 or slusher@jfsa-cleveland.org and say "Yes! I WILL VOLUNTEER!" Please help JFSA spread the word by sharing this with family and friends. Additional help is needed to continue this vital service to our community members.

*Please note: At this time during COVID-19 we are trying to make deliveries as contactless as possible. However, there may be a disabled or frail client who needs assistance getting the meals inside their home. JFSA provides gloves and a mask for you to wear for all deliveries.*

## Celebrate by Giving to Others

### A message from Bernice Rothman, R.H. Myers Residents' Council

Older Americans Month encouraged us to continue to make our mark. We seniors have so much to give, so we gave! The R.H. Myers Residents' Council and I, as its leader, offered a tasty boxed lunch and an activity packet to older adults in our community. We created "Feed the Mind, Feed the Body Day," which was a wonderful experience.

We asked ourselves, why not show some of our fellow seniors that someone cares? We all need bright spots and it's always nice

to know someone is thinking about us.

The R.H. Myers kitchen staff prepared lunches, and we wrote special notes and put together activities to help recipients pass the time. Each of us has the ability to make a difference, and we hope that this program provided an enjoyable escape from the ongoing drumbeat of the virus.

If you want to join the R.H. Myers family, call Deanna Snider at 216.831.6500, ext. 322, for a tour.

## Brighten the Day for an Older Adult or Say Thank You for Being a Hero!



JFSA encourages the community to create greeting cards that can be shared with isolated older adults and essential front-line workers to let them know they are not forgotten during these difficult times of quarantine and social distancing. This is a terrific creative project for all members of the family.

### How to Donate:

- Make your own greeting card with crayon, colored pencil, paint, water color, or any media you choose. *Get creative!*
- Not feeling creative? Add your personal note to a pre-made card.
- Greeting cards can be any format you like: one page or folded paper. Envelopes are not necessary.
- Write a cheerful message on your card and make sure to sign your first name.
- For something different, paint a small rock with a pretty picture or inspiring message on it.
- We have many Russian-speaking clients who would love to receive cards written in Russian!

Place your donations in a plastic bag and drop off at JFSA, 29125 Chagrin Blvd., Pepper Pike  
9 am – 5 pm, Monday thru Friday, Attn: SLW Cards

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Call Sandy Lusher-Waterhouse,  
216.378.3475, to to arrange a  
socially-distanced pick-up  
from your home.



# Tri-C JazzFest: Keeping the Beat

**Not even a global pandemic can quiet the annual music festival, which will take place virtually August 21-22**

Jazz reveals its spirit and soul through improvisation. The same can be said for this year's Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland, presented by KeyBank.

Organizers of the annual festival – now in its 41st year – refused to let the COVID-19 outbreak silence the music that typically brings tens of thousands of people to Playhouse Square every summer.

Tri-C JazzFest will make toes tap this year, just in a different way. The show, as they say, must go on, so a virtual festival showcasing Cleveland's deep reservoir of jazz talent will stream across various online platforms over two late-summer nights. The tunes start at 7 pm on both Friday, August 21, and Saturday, August 22.

The online event will be free, though viewers will have the opportunity to donate to Cuyahoga Community College's

Student Emergency Fund. Money raised will specifically benefit creative arts students experiencing unforeseen financial challenges with the potential to derail their studies.

"The format may be different this year, but music is about the moment," said Terri Pontremoli, director of Tri-C JazzFest. "We're going to provide plenty of those for our audience while making a difference for our students."

The virtual festival will feature pre-recorded and live performances from local acts, drop-in interviews with jazz icons, and footage of memorable moments from past Tri-C JazzFests.

The goal is to put the depth and scope of Tri-C JazzFest on display while highlighting the festival's powerful influence on creative arts students and the Northeast Ohio jazz scene over

the past four decades.

Acclaimed trumpeter Dominick Farinacci will perform and serve as host of the virtual festival. Farinacci's path to becoming an international recording artist began in the classrooms of Cuyahoga Community College two decades ago.

The future of jazz will also be represented at the virtual festival with young musicians from the Tri-C JazzFest Academy. The academy's Spirit of the Groove ensemble will show the results of countless hours of training through the College's Creative Arts Center of Excellence.

Tri-C's music program offers opportunities for students to earn associate degrees while building their skills. Graduates routinely continue their education at esteemed institutions such as Berklee College of Music and The Hartt School at the University of Hartford.

At its heart, Tri-C JazzFest strives to educate and nurture an appreciation of jazz. Events throughout the year connect students of all ages with jazz performers who bring the art form to life. Many of the programs are free to expand access to the performing arts.

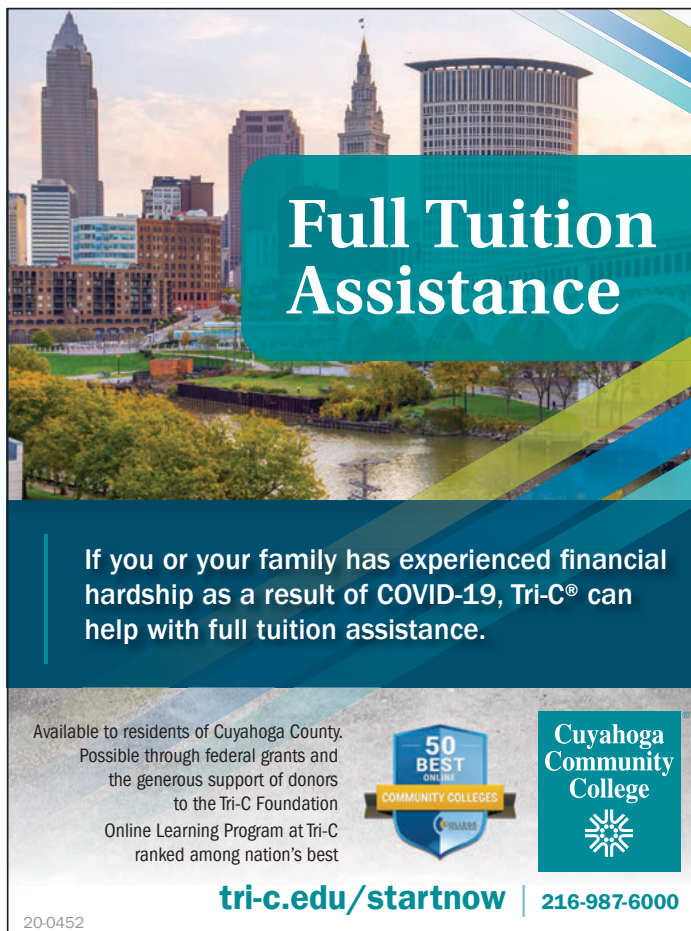
The virtual festival in August reflects the College's goal to connect the community to

the arts. Visit [tri-cjazzfest.com](http://tri-cjazzfest.com) for information on the festival, including how to stream the performances.

"Tri-C JazzFest is a cherished tradition in Cleveland," Terri said. "Although we can't gather in person this year as we normally would, we can come together virtually to appreciate great music, share an experience and support our students. COVID-19 may have canceled the June weekend festival, but it will not silence the music."

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The virtual Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland is presented by KeyBank and made possible by Cuyahoga Community College, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Ohio Arts Council, Strassman Insurance Services Inc., The George Gund Foundation and a growing list of donors and vendors.



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# Remembering Those Who Served

On Sunday, May 24, Beachwood resident Marc Becker and his team from Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), along with members from the Beachwood Historical Society, placed flags on the graves of the soldiers in the Beachwood Cemetery. This historical cemetery contains graves of the early founding families of Beachwood and Manx people. It is also the final resting place for soldiers representing seven different wars. Did you know that there is a grave for Obidiah, a soldier who fought in the Revolutionary War?

*"We remember those who served so that we may have our freedom."*

"Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971," Rosemary Nemeth, president of the Beachwood Historical Society said. "We remember those who served so that we may have our freedom."



*Above:* Retired Colonel USA Mr. Bart Stovicek with his wife, Nancy; LCDR USCG Norma Smihal; Retired Major USMC Marshall Ray; Beachwood Historical Society president Rosemary Nemeth; Retired Lieutenant Colonel USA Marc Becker; Historical Society member Lisa Skufca; and Historical Society member Jim Nemeth.

*Left:* Retired Colonel USA Cary Weatherhead and Retired Lieutenant Colonel USA Mark Becker use historical map to locate the graves of the soldiers so that the flags can be positioned.

*"May we never forget our fallen comrades. Freedom isn't free."  
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# A Honey of a Birthday for Bea

By Arlene Fine

Even a pandemic could not stop Beatrice (Bea) Wieder from celebrating her 98th birthday with close family nearby.

Bea, a resident of R.H. Myers Apartments in Beachwood, stood on her third-floor balcony on May 19, her actual birthday, as a parade of six cars, filled with loving family members and a few dogs, circled the R.H. Myers parking lot. An R.H. Myers security guard stood at Beatrice's side as the car caravan drove by.

"I watched one car after another, all decorated with colorful balloons, banners, bumblebee pictures and streamers, honk their horns, throw kisses, and ride right under my balcony so I could

see it all," says Bea. "It was a something to behold. Many of my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were dressed in costumes, singing and shouting "Happy Birthday" as they drove by. I never had a birthday like this one before. It was a profound experience to be saluted this way."

Because of the COVID-19 lockdown, R.H. Myers residents could not have visitors, but that "didn't stop us from making Bea's birthday special," said Dr. Carly Wilbur, Bea's granddaughter.

In addition to having celebratory birthdays, Bea said the best part of her life right now is having such a tightly knit family. "Family is everything," she said. "I am so blessed to have such close and loving relationships with my four sons, Kenny (Ruth), Michael (Miki), Avery (Jill), and Jerry (Suzen), and my eight grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren."

It was this close connection to family that sustained the 12-year-old Beatrice Tamler, who immigrated to America from Eastern Europe in 1935.

"We were lucky to have relatives in Cleveland who brought my family here," she said. "I married my late husband Norman Wieder at age 19 and we had a beautiful life together. We sent our children to Hebrew Academy and we were very active at Young Israel in Beachwood."

I never had a birthday like this one before.

– Bea Wieder

In her thank you note to family members who planned the special birthday, Bea wrote, "I'm a lucky 98-year-old birthday lady. I can hardly wait to see what my fabulous family will do on my next birthday. Love, Bea, Grandma Bea, Great-grandma Bea, or just Lucky Bea."



Top left: Bea Wieder waving from her balcony.

Left: Ruth and Ken Wieder led the birthday parade; Miki and Michael Wieder; Avery, Simon, and Jill Wieder with Tootsie.

Below: Olivia, Maddy, Zachary, Jon (in the red hat poking out from behind the car), Izzy, and Danny Wilbur with Cocoa; and Adam, Alyssa, Nathan, Daphna, and Stephanie Wieder.







**Virtual Finals Performance & Competition!**  
**Shining Star CLE 2020, in its fourth year, will be an online virtual event on Sunday, September 13, at 7 pm**

This year's Shining Star CLE will be a virtual event. All are welcome to watch, vote, and support this unique fundraising event that will be live-streamed and open to the public! The production will be similar to American Idol's virtual format, but this Northeast Ohio solo-singing competition will give high school students the chance to compete for college scholarships.

After competing in a series of online video and Zoom follow-up auditions with professional judges, the top ten finalists will each receive an opportunity to be safely and individually recorded in a professional studio for their Finals performance.

We are thrilled to welcome back Monica Robins of WKYC who will emcee the event. Additionally, the event will be judged by top talents in the music industry. The event promises to be 90 minutes of pure excitement, energy, and

phenomenal talent! You will see nothing short of a professional show combining pre-recorded and live components, videos, sponsor messages and thank you's, and group and individual performances, all while enjoying the musical talents of ten extraordinarily talented high school students. Everyone who is watching this virtual show will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite performer from the top-four finalists.

All proceeds from the event provide much needed funds to support memory care programs and services offered by Montefiore Memory Care, an affiliate of Menorah Park. For more information on sponsorship, donor opportunities, and additional information, contact Debbie Rothschild at 216.910.2633 or drothschild@montefiorecare.org.

Visit [shiningstarcle.org](http://shiningstarcle.org) to see photo galleries and for further details!

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# BAC Offers Two-Year Membership for the Price of One!

**G**reetings to our Friends of Beachwood Arts Council! We hope you are doing well during this unprecedented and challenging time. Although we unfortunately had to cancel our spring and summer 2020 events, we look forward to bringing you new programs in the, hopefully, not too distant future. We will certainly let you know when our programming begins again.



In the meantime, we express our deep appreciation for your continued support of BAC. If you would like to join/re-join Beachwood Arts Council, your membership dues would be greatly appreciated and would help fund our programs in the coming year. To encourage your participation, we are offering **two years for the price of one!** Your dues will cover membership from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for all returning and new members.

**Dues are as follows:**

- Connoisseur - \$100
  - Patron - \$75
  - Family - \$50
  - Individual - \$30
  - Student (*under 25 years old*) - \$15
- Of course, we are grateful for additional donations! Please send a check, with your name, address, phone number, and email, payable to Beachwood Arts Council, to:
- Beachwood Arts Council
  - c/o Membership
  - 25225 Fairmount Blvd.
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**Interested in joining our Board of Trustees?**

If you are a “worker bee,” who has an interest in the arts, and would like to be considered as a potential BAC Board Trustee, please contact me. We are always looking for additional Board members to add to our already terrific group!

If you would like further information, please visit [beachwoodartscouncil.org](http://beachwoodartscouncil.org). You can also find us on Facebook at “Beachwood Arts Council.”

We miss seeing you at our events and hope that you will join us once our programming begins again! If you have comments and/or questions, please contact me.

Thank you and be well!

Paula Rollins, President  
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“Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.” – Pablo Picasso

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# Beachwood Historical Society Challenge!

The Beachwood Historical Society is committed to preserving the dynamic history of Beachwood, educating people of all ages, and sharing historic collections. It preserves and promote artifacts, documents and photographs; educates people about the history of Beachwood, from "Beechwood" to Beachwood; sponsors events; and researches and archives information.



## This month's challenge:

What was once located on the same spot as today's Yours Truly Chagrin Restaurant?

Email answers to beachwoodbuzz@gmail.com. All correct answers received by July 10 will be entered in a raffle for a \$50 gift card.

## Last month's answer:

Where would you have been standing to have shot this photo?

**Answer:** Beachwood City Park. This is the old Richmond Road bridge. Congratulations to last month's winner, Anthony J. Willott.



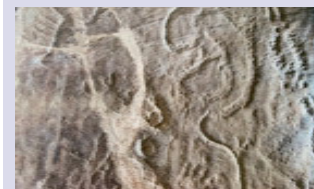
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Beachwood Historical Society

## Summer Activities

Nancy Howell from Cleveland Museum of Natural History, in collaboration with Cuyahoga Arts & Culture and the Beachwood Historical Society, created a **Virtual Tour of Beachwood City Park**, which is now available on YouTube.

A virtual field trip, **Rock Art-Glyphs** with archaeologist Roy Larick, will take place on July 7 at 4 pm. There is a \$10 fee per family. For details and to register, call Rosemary at 216.591.0229.



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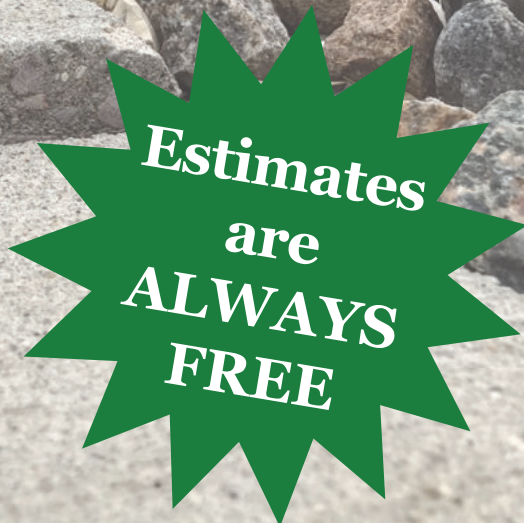
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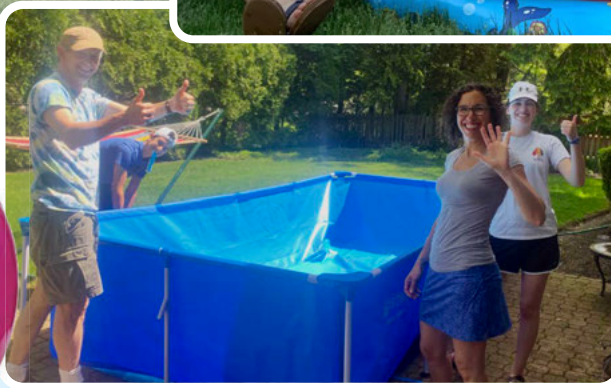
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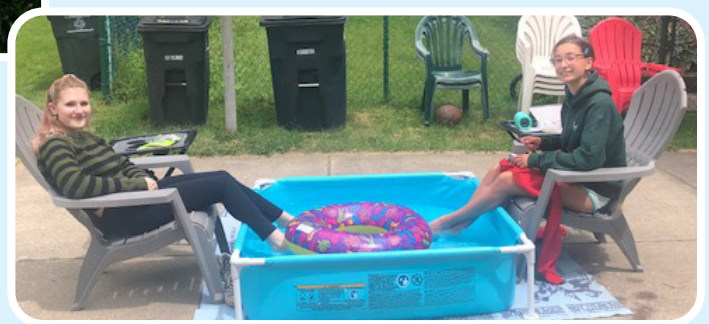
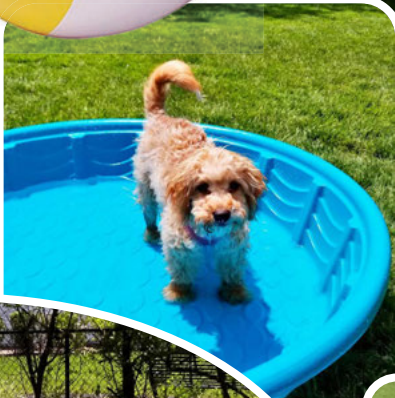
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# Beachwood Family Aquatic Centers 2020



The Aquatic Center is closed and the weather is hot So parents bought pools that their kids like a lot Adults like them too on a hot sunny day As a family activity they go out and play Next year at this time will the Aquatic Center be open? Our guess is yes that's what we're hopin'!



From top: Josh, Ellie, Lisa, and Nina put safety first at the Mayers Family Aquatic Center. Jon, Max, Lily, and Darby Steiger set up their backyard paradise. Ben and Max cool off at the Lanphear Family Aquatic Center. Maddie Cummings and Emily Isaacson social distance while cooling off.

From top: Liesel, Daphne, and Aaron Dachner enjoy their backyard setup. Millie cools off, while Coby and Avi Saidel chill in their pool.

# Help Support Those in Need with the Jewish Federation of Cleveland's Jewish Volunteer Network

Volunteers are needed to care for the most vulnerable in our community. To learn more, visit [www.jewishcleveland.org](http://www.jewishcleveland.org).

## Color Me Happy

Create colorful pictures to brighten the day of residents living in our nursing homes. Sample templates available upon registration. Scan and send to [dweiner@montefiorecare.org](mailto:dweiner@montefiorecare.org) and/or [kskerl@menorahpark.org](mailto:kskerl@menorahpark.org).

## Create Bookmarks for Kids' Book Bank

Create a custom bookmark for a child receiving a free book from Kid's Book Bank. Sample template & directions will be shared upon registration.

## Adopt a Grandparent

Enjoy the heartwarming experience of getting to know an older adult who is otherwise isolated. Orientation via Zoom through Jewish Family Service Association is required.

## Make Toys and Biscuits for our Furry Friends at Rescue Village and Cleveland Animal Protective League

Directions for creating toys and recipe for biscuits will be shared upon registration.

## Caring "Connecting" Calls

Make Caring Connecting Calls to those who are isolated and connect them to programs and services that will enhance their life during this pandemic. Conversation guidelines provided.

## Conversation Partners with Residents in Beit Shean, Cleveland's Sister City in Israel

Be paired with a Beit Shean resident and help improve their conversational English skills.

## Tech Guru

Use your skills to teach others how to communicate using Zoom, Instacart, and online shopping.

## Resumé Builder for Job Seekers

Assist a teen, college student, or adult with their entry-level resume, career change resume, or return-to-work resume to help them become gainfully employed.

# Beachwood History Book Club

The following programs will be held on Zoom:

## July 14 • 7 pm *The Great Gatsby*, by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Most people know it as the classic novel of Jazz Age extravagance. We'll take it to the next level by additionally exploring it as a portrait of America in the 1920s in terms of race, class, women's roles, and post Great War sensibilities. Free and open to all, but registration is required to receive the login information. Please email Margaret Reardon or call 440.292.7739 to sign up for the discussion and to be put on the list for future meetings.

## Tuesday August 18 • 7 pm *The Splendid and the Vile*, by Erik Larson

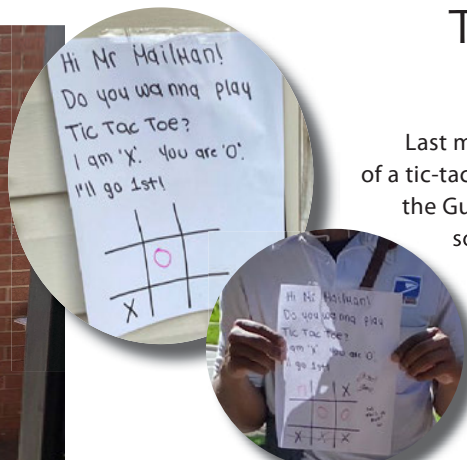
The author of *The Devil in the White City* and *Dead Wake* delivers an intimate chronicle of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz – an inspiring portrait of courage and leadership in a time of unprecedented crisis.

"In *The Splendid and the Vile*, a #1 *New York Times* best seller, Erik Larson shows, in cinematic detail, how Churchill taught the British people "the art of being fearless." It is a story of political brinkmanship, but it's also an intimate domestic drama, set against the backdrop of Churchill's prime-ministerial country home, Chequers; his wartime retreat, Ditchley, where he and his entourage go when the moon is brightest and the bombing threat is highest; and of course 10 Downing Street in London. Drawing on diaries, original archival documents, and once-secret intelligence reports – some released only recently – Larson provides a new lens on London's darkest year.



Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.

– Mason Coole



## Tic-Tac-Toe Game Brings Laughter

Last month, we published this image of a tic-tac-toe board with a notice about the Gunzberg kids who wanted to do something nice for Marcus, their mailman. They posted the game on their front door, he laughed, and placed his "O" right in the center. Nice try, Marcus! The Gunzberg kids won!

Pictured: Rena, Marcus, and Akiva.

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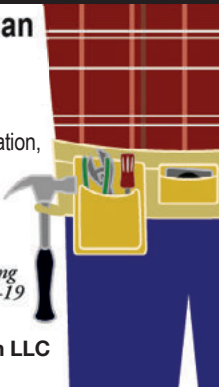
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# More from the Beachwood Historical Society

### Butterfly Garden

Did you know there is a butterfly garden (*marked with signage*) in Beachwood City Park West? Members from the Beachwood Historical Society invite you to check it out, take photos, and post them on their Facebook page (Beachwood Historical Society). Also, please post information that may be helpful to other visitors.



### Car Rally

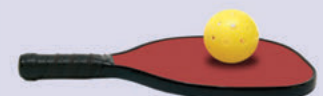
- **Sunday, July 26 • 9 am**
- **Beachwood Municipal Center parking lot**
- **Final destination is top secret!** (*You will reach it if you follow the clues and directions carefully.*)
- **Reservations are required:**  
**Call Rosemary Nemeth at 216.591.0229.**

You are cordially invited to join the Beachwood Historical Society for a delightful drive through Beachwood and nearby suburbs. You will be given a set of directions and a list of questions to answer, and will be timed. All ages are welcome! Each car (*minimum of two people*) represents a team, and trophies will be awarded to the winners. Create a unique team name, and remember to follow social distance. Also, it is mandatory to follow safety rules when driving.

For more information, visit [beachwoodhistoricalsociety.com](http://beachwoodhistoricalsociety.com).

### Tai Chi, Yoga, and Pickleball Tournament

For details, see this month's *City Insider*, which starts on page 28.





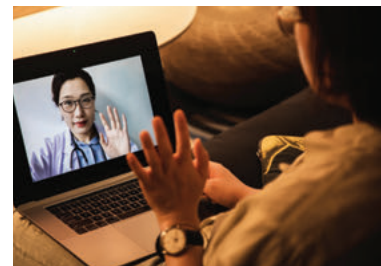
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