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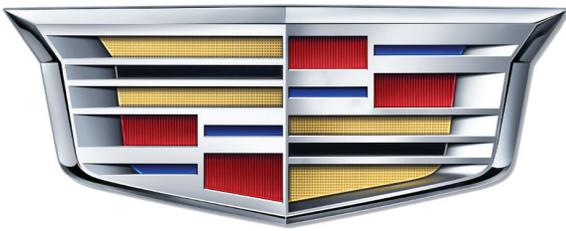
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Last month I renewed my membership to “Cultivate,” Alain Picard’s online pastel painting program, in which he helps students grow, thrive, create consistently, develop our potential, and share our work. A foundation of this program is “The Artist’s Journey,” which is built on four stages to fuel our momentum: apprentice, explore, establish, and emerge. I share this information because the process is relevant for any skill we wish to develop.

There are many things we choose to do in the coast zone for enjoyment. I like baking, and I have a few recipes that I make repeatedly. Almond Thumbprint Cookies (recommended by my daughter, Julie; found on simple-veganista.com) is one of my favorites. They’re easy to make, tasty, and are always a hit. Here’s the recipe. It’s delicious!

Ingredients:

2 cups almond flour
Pinch of salt
¼ cup pure maple syrup
¼ cup light flavored olive oil
2 tsp. vanilla
3 Tbsp. of your favorite jam

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 350°F and line baking pan with parchment paper.
- Whisk together maple syrup, olive oil, and vanilla.
- Add almond flour and salt. Mix well.
- Roll into 1-inch balls and place about 2 inches apart.
- Make an indent in the center of each cookie.
- Fill indent with ½ tsp. of jam.
- Bake for 11-13 minutes. Recipe makes about 16 cookies. Store in airtight container. Enjoy!



When I bake, I have little desire to take my skills to the next level; I’m content with coasting. Alternately, I have the drive to further build my skills when it comes to painting. I share the analogy of baking because, no matter what we desire to learn, the recipe is always the same: **Show up consistently!**

Building a business? Working to become a better athlete? Musician? Artist? Chef? Gardener? Photographer? Coach? The only way to become proficient is to create a regular practice.

Here’s how Alain explains The Artist’s Journey:

Aspire

Our journey begins with a dream. Aspiring artists prioritize their dreams by activating a plan that will nurture consistent growth and momentum on their creative journey. Once we aspire to do something, there are four stages that guide us along our path.

Stage 1: Apprentice

Every artist needs a guide. Apprentices are learning the foundational skills, vocabulary, and techniques necessary to create the artwork they dream of.

Stage 2: Explore

Proficiency is the gateway to exploration. Explorers are developing original works of art and discovering their creative voice through persistent practice.

Stage 3: Establish

We next refine our mission to amplify our voice. Establishing artists are developing the business of art and gaining greater authority in their niche to grow their influence.

Stage 4: Emerge

Without risk there is no reward. Emerging artists are stepping out of their comfort zone to present their work to the public, invite feedback, and cultivate their impact.

As an artist, I relate to traits in stages 2-4, and share a recent painting, *Making Waves*, below. I created this painting from a personal reference photo after completing Alain’s painterly landscape segment on ocean waves.

The Artist’s Journey is powerful. We can’t get to where we’d like to be if we don’t recognize where we are now. It’s important to dig deep, be honest with yourself, and determine our “why” behind our choices. When we show up consistently for ourselves, we shine our light, make an impact and leave the world a little bit brighter. Each day is a blank canvas. Go and make some marks!

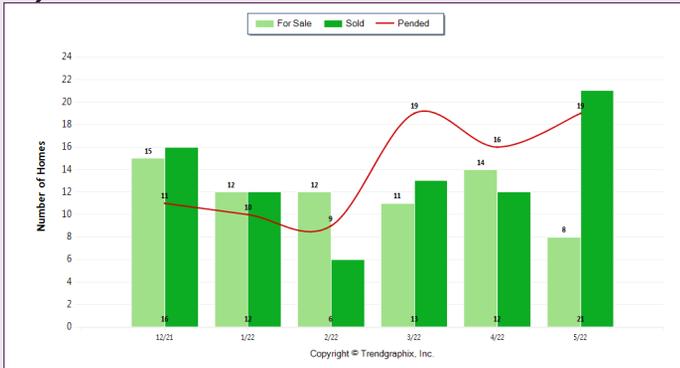
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Real Estate Statistical Update by Sharon Friedman



"We are still in a seller's market, a trend that has continued for the past two years! The number of sold listings increased 75% month over month. The average sold price per square footage is up 7.7% compared to last year. The ratio of sold price vs. original list price is 99%, an increase of 1% compared to the previous year."

– Sharon Friedman

Beachwood Market Update From March 8, 2022 – June 8, 2022. Data provided by Sharon Friedman, courtesy of NEOHREX. Data provided was accurate at the time of reporting. The source for the spreadsheet is MLS Now. The market data is from Trendgraphix, Inc. Information is believed to be accurate, but not guaranteed. Data does not reflect sales of property not included in MLS. Consult a Realtor® if you have questions about the market.

Homes SOLD in Beachwood

March 8, 2022 – June 8, 2022

Street	Days	List	Sold	LP/SP%	Bed	Bath	Built
East Groveland	48	260,000	230,000	88%	3	2	1940
East Groveland	6	235,000	255,000	109%	3	2	1953
Cedar	29	291,000	270,000	93%	3	3	1956
Concord	6	265,000	275,000	104%	3	3	1956
Concord	7	286,000	295,000	103%	3	3	1956
Glenhill	5	275,000	295,000	107%	4	2	1956
Beacon	6	288,000	300,000	104%	5	3	1956
Edgehill	5	288,000	300,000	104%	3	3	1954
East Groveland	4	250,000	300,000	120%	4	2	1951
Fernwood	121	315,000	304,000	97%	4	3	1948
South Green	4	299,900	307,000	102%	3	3	1967
Concord	4	295,000	310,000	105%	4	3	1956
Concord	14	280,000	312,000	111%	4	4	1956
East Silsby	49	314,900	317,000	101%	3	2	1950
Beacon	26	314,900	322,500	102%	3	4	1956
East Groveland	5	329,900	334,900	102%	3	2	1955
Campus	2	300,000	350,000	117%	3	2	1954
Ramsay	2	327,500	360,000	110%	3	2	1956
Deborah	0	370,000	370,000	100%	3	3	1956
Buckhurst	82	375,000	375,000	100%	5	3	1956
Hendon	3	379,900	380,000	100%	4	2	1953
Halburton	12	420,000	432,000	103%	4	4	1975
Twickenham	31	440,000	440,000	100%	3	3	1959
Somerset	10	425,000	452,000	106%	4	3	1951
Fairmount	63	479,000	457,000	95%	3	4	1954
Halburton	3	475,000	460,000	97%	4	3	1976
Green	11	495,000	479,000	97%	3	4	1948
Greenlawn	3	419,000	482,500	115%	4	3	1962
South Green	89	515,000	515,000	100%	4	3	1953
Richmond	181	538,000	540,000	100%	3	3	2018
North Woodland	3	500,000	552,000	110%	4	3	1953
Letchworth	32	570,000	570,000	100%	4	3	1968
Maidstone	62	600,000	600,000	100%	4	3	1964
Annesley	73	650,000	615,000	95%	5	5	1966
Letchworth	4	579,900	642,000	111%	3	4	1966
Letchworth	53	795,000	750,000	94%	4	4	1987
Blossom	7	1,295,000	983,000	76%	6	7	1996
Halcyon	0	1,425,000	1,425,000	100%	4	4	2003

SHARON LISTS AND SELLS BEACHWOOD!



24400 Union Circle
List price \$2,150,000

5 Bed, 6.1 Bath/Community Gardens



24410 Greenwich Lane
List price \$799,900

5 Bed, 4 Full Bath Ranch



23990 Letchworth Road
List price \$363,000
3 Bed, 2.0 Bath Ranch



23219 E Groveland Road
List price \$329,900
3 Bed, 1.1 Bath Colonial

Sharon's 2021/2022 Beachwood Listings & Sales

NEW LISTING: Stratton House, 22655 Chagrin Blv #215 listed at \$144,900

SOLD 7/21: 24100 Woodside Lane listed at \$1,050,000

SOLD 5/22: 25300 Letchworth Road listed at \$795,000

SOLD 11/21: 24640 Cedar Rd, Community Gardens, listed at \$549,900

SOLD 10/21: 3305 Havel Drive, listed at \$489,900

SOLD 5/21: 11 Kenwood Court, The Village, listed at \$479,900

SOLD 7/21: 24061 Halburton Road, listed at \$459,900

SOLD 6/21: 2402 Brian Drive, listed at \$449,900

SOLD 3/22: 26001 Hendon Road, listed at \$379,900

SOLD 3/21: 1 Sherwood Court, The Village, listed at \$349,900

SOLD 3/21: 21514 Halburton Road, listed at \$349,900

SOLD 5/21: 4 Hanover Lane, listed at \$299,900

SOLD 5/22: 2647 S Green Road listed at \$299,900

SOLD 6/21: 5 Windrush Lane, The Village, listed at \$294,900

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-Sharon



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Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

By Preeti Venkataramani

What are the basic elements of a good life? If you ask around, most people will say good health, wealth, purposeful living, sense of belonging, supportive family, strong community, etc. While these elements make a good life, they do not necessarily mean an easy life. To truly live a good life, we must stand up to the challenges that come our way, work through them, and build a life that aligns with our values.

Challenges come to all of us – in every shape, size, and form.

I got to know of one such challenge as I sat down with Sam Babbush, Beachwood High School graduate, class of 2019, and his father, Jeff. Sam grew up in Beachwood with his mother, Melissa; Jeff; and brother, Maxwell, a BHS graduate, class of 2016. During his freshman year, Sam started to experience intense panic attacks. A passionate soccer player and athlete, it was disheartening when it started to affect his performance on and off the field.

At age 15, Sam displayed immense courage. He chose not to shy away from his problem. Instead, he decided to work through it. During this time, he transitioned from soccer to football, where he found a wonderful support system. His “I can do it” attitude and sports transition really helped, as his family rallied around him and built a huge support system to assess, diagnose, and treat his condition.

After a few years of professional therapy, counseling, and support from the school, along with family and community involvement, Sam slowly and successfully managed to improve his mental health.

After high school, Sam attended the University of Kentucky, where he continued his football career. Last year, he transferred to Charleston Southern University and quickly earned his way to be the starting kicker (his current head coach is Autry Denson, who is the all-time leading rusher for University of Notre Dame). In fact, last season Sam went 24 for 24 in extra points and even had one against

the University of Georgia, the highest ranked college football team in the country!

As Sam reflects on this achievement, he is very, very grateful. It has not been easy. His family’s commitment of time, effort, and sacrifice helped him get where he is today. He also recognizes the immense support and guidance provided by BHS staff and counselors, as well as Coach Damian Creel, Coach Michael Springer, and Coach JC Commander. He is also grateful for strong community support from the Beachwood and Pepper Pike communities, and the excellent therapists who worked with him.

There were other dynamics that influenced Sam as well. Even though he comes from a Jewish family and attended Agnon in his younger years, he is the fourth generation to attend a Catholic/Christian school. His great-grandfather, Ralph August, attended University

of Notre Dame. As a result, he was exposed to different perspectives and different ways of thinking throughout his life, which helped him develop a high sense of self awareness.

A good life is lived when we stand up to the challenges that come our way, work through them, and build a life that aligns with our values.

His grandfather, Dr. Charles Babbush, attended University of Detroit; and his dad attended Gilmour Academy, stating that he needed more direction and discipline.

Sam’s parents are both very proud of their son’s journey, determination, and grit to overcome his obstacles and focus on paying it forward.

“The pandemic has accelerated the mental health

crisis across all age groups, so I share my story as one of hope,” he said “We’ve pulled through the pandemic with support of family, community, relationships, and honest communication, and therefore we have strength to address the current mental health crisis as well.”

Sam paints a realistic picture of his journey. “There are no shortcuts to better mental health. It takes time, consistency, and persistence to resolve underlying issues until they shrink down and/or are eliminated. I encourage kids and adults to open up about their struggles so they can get help. Hiding or pretending that everything is okay does not solve the problem. In fact, it only exacerbates the suffering.”

In his time with me, Sam shared that the journey is so well worth it; to keep fighting the fight. He also notes that another basic element to leading a good life is sound mental health!

“Most people overestimate what they can do in a year and underestimate what they can do in a decade.” – Tony Robbins



Sam Babbush scores as kicker on the Charleston Southern Buccaneers football team.

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"I was speechless and overjoyed," said Mayor Berns.

The feature appears in the magazine's June issue, and its rankings are highly respected and feverishly sought by homebuyers and realtors, according to Colleen. It's noteworthy that she also mentions in her introductory magazine column that, "While the numbers are a huge help, maybe the real lesson is that the data can only take you so far – and it's the people who make the place." Mayor Berns echoes that sentiment.

"The great part about this honor is that we all share it," said Mayor Berns. "It's the cumulative result of conditions created by City Council, City Hall employees, residents, business owners, and those who patronize our commercial establishments. We all work hard to keep this small community safe, clean, and appealing."

The study surveys 77 suburbs, and in 2021, Beachwood ranked

12. The ranking is based on evaluating three major factors: safety, education, and housing. Other desirable qualities the editors consider include public services, diversity, and walkability, and all of the aforementioned categories are weighted more than others, like property taxes. Beachwood performed particularly well with its education ranking (#2), number of community services, diversity (29.7% minorities), and percentage of roads with sidewalks (90%).

Two realtors, Susie Loparo and Sharon Friedman, both of whom sell many homes in Beachwood, offered reactions to the article.

Susie, a Beachwood resident for more than 60 years and a graduate of BHS, says she believes that "Beachwood has always been the best city to live in," adding, "It's easy to sell Beachwood." She also noted that its central location is attractive with its close proximity

to cultural areas, freeways, healthcare facilities, shopping, and restaurants.

"It's also very walkable, which is something everybody wants today," she added. She then mentioned that she's "been inside most of the homes in Beachwood and sold a lot of them."

Sharon likes to tout Beachwood's city services to clients. "I always tell people that you can eat off the street after a winter snowstorm because everything has been plowed clean." She also noted that Beachwood has many amenities that can appeal to all age groups.

"Beachwood is a place where you can be born, die, and do everything in between because there are so many options," she said. "It's an all-around community and the recreation facilities are second to none.

"I sold a home in Beachwood to a couple from Michigan and when I was driving them around

the community, I pointed out the Six Flags of Beachwood (the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center); it's truly unbelievable." It was also called out by *Northeast Ohio Parent Magazine*, which recently awarded BFAC with "Best Pool or Splash Pad" in its 2022 Parents Choice Awards.

The remaining cities in the Top 20 include (in order) Rocky River, Pepper Pike, Moreland Hills, Orange Village, Solon, Bay Village, Hudson, Brecksville, Chagrin Falls, Highland Heights, Westlake, Bath, Avon, Shaker Heights, Avon Lake, Mayfield Village, Mayfield Heights, Broadview Heights, and Middleburg Heights.

The methodology used by *Cleveland Magazine's* staff involved many hours of research to produce its annual assessment that ranks Cleveland's 77 suburbs. The Top 20 are those suburbs with the highest combined scores, reflecting best performances in all of the categories combined.

Overall rankings are determined using raw data that is converted into points calculated from the average in each category.

Scores are assigned to each suburb for every category used in the rankings, based on the year's available numbers. The scores are tabulated while weighting certain categories more heavily than others. Safety and education, for example, are given more weight than property taxes, which is given more weight than environmental infractions. The Top 20 are those suburbs with the highest combined scores; in other words, the suburbs that perform best in all of the categories combined.

Education scores are based on the state's 26 possible indicators for student performance which draw on standardized tests, a gifted indicator that measures how gifted students are performing, a chronic absenteeism improvement indicator measuring the number of students who are chronically absent (missing at least 10% of the school year) as well as the schools' efforts to reduce that number, and an end-of-course improvement indicator measuring the performance and improvement on retaken end-of-course tests. Each school's possible indicators vary depending on which tests its students take.

"The Beachwood City School District is proud to have contributed to our community's No. 1 ranking by *Cleveland Magazine*, in combination with our well-respected city government and robust business community. The ranking is a credit to our amazing

students and families, the community's steadfast support of public education, the Board of Education's strong leadership, and the district's innovative staff," said Robert Hardis, superintendent of Beachwood City Schools.

As a measure of college readiness, school districts provided the number of Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes offered. In addition, consideration was given to the percentage of seniors from the class of 2021 who took at least one of those classes during high school and who scored a 3 or higher on at least one AP test or a 4 or higher on at least one IB test during high school. For more detailed reports on local districts' state report cards, visit ode.state.oh.us.

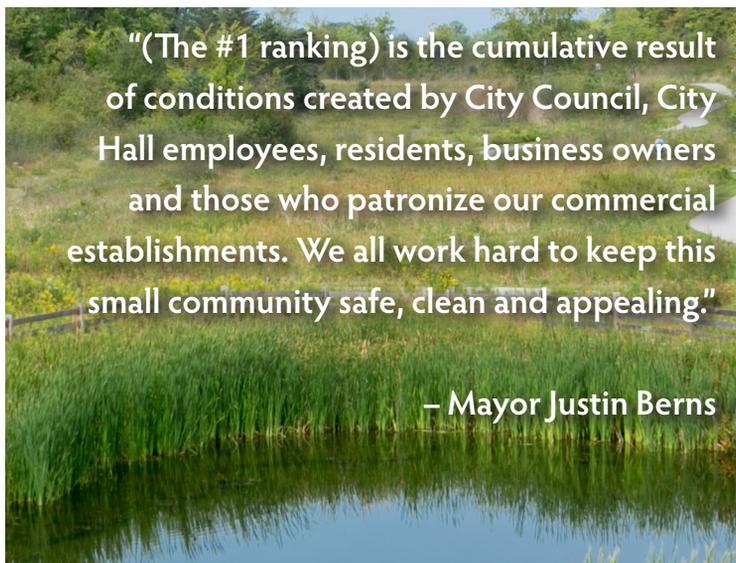
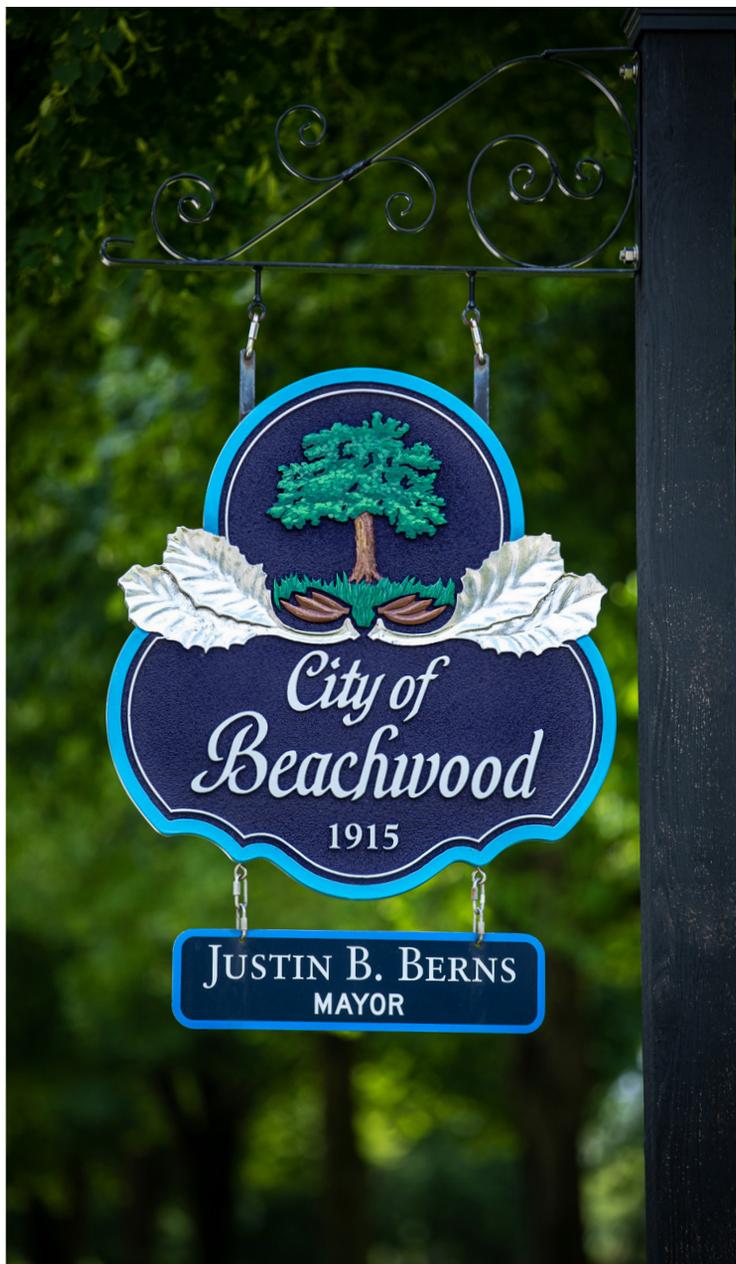
Top 10 school districts are:

1. Solon
2. Beachwood
3. Hudson
4. Rocky River
5. Orange
6. Chagrin Falls
7. Bay Village
8. Bainbridge
9. Kenston
10. Bath

Other source material involved in the overall ranking:

• **Median home sale prices:** Using the county auditors' or fiscal officers' figures for valid sales of single-family homes in 2011, 2016 and 2021.

• **Property taxes:** 2021 rates of taxation derived from county auditors, treasurers, or fiscal officers and the Ohio Department of Taxation. They include each community's rollback



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and reduction for owner-occupied residential property for levies passed before November 2013.

- **Population, poverty, diversity, and owner-occupied housing:** U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Diversity points are awarded based on the suburb's percentage of minority residents (nonwhite, Hispanic or multiracial), with the most points given to those suburbs closest to a 50% balance.

- **Environmental infractions:** The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's database of reported polluted sites, which is continuously updated and includes reports of polluted sites that the EPA has not fully investigated.

- **Community services:** The mayor's office of each suburb provides information related to which of the following services are available to all residents: tennis courts, basketball courts, baseball and softball diamonds, indoor or outdoor ice rinks, indoor swimming pools, outdoor swimming pools, public playgrounds, recreation centers, public skateboarding parks, senior services, youth services, free mulch, free leaf pickup, free garbage pick-up and recycling programs.

- **Roads with sidewalks:** Each suburb provided information on the miles of roads and sidewalks. The percentage of roads with sidewalks was determined by dividing centerline miles of roads by half the miles of sidewalks (assuming sidewalks are on both sides of the street) and converting the number to a percentage.

- **Alternative commute and commute time to work source:** U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.



10 Things *Cleveland Magazine* Loves About Beachwood

Beachwood's tree-lined streets and rich cultural history also were highlighted in the magazine's coverage. Described as an "idyllic community that has something for everyone," Beachwood's key features include:

1. **Preston's H.O.P.E. Playground** – A park that provides an accommodating, wheelchair-accessible space for children with all levels of abilities and disabilities.
2. **Coffee and sugar** – Mitchell's Ice Cream, White Flour Cake Shop, and Nervous Dog Coffee Bar.
3. **Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage** – Celebrates Jewish history and educates about Jewish heritage and tolerance.
4. **Barkwood Dog Park in Beachwood City Park East** – One of a kind, featuring a turf surface, turf covered furniture, and separate, enclosed spaces for large and small breeds.
5. **David Berger National Memorial** – A 6,000-pound steel sculpture memorializing 11 Israeli athletes who were taken hostage and murdered, including Cleveland-born David Berger, during the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich.
6. **Dining** – Giovanni's Ristorante, Shuhei, Jack's Deli and Restaurant, and Cedar Creek Grill are mentioned, reflecting great culinary diversity.
7. **Wolfs Gallery** – The 45-year-old auction house deals in fine paintings, sculptures, and decorative art.
8. **Shopping** – Beachwood Place, citing Dillard's, Nordstrom, and Saks Fifth Avenue as well as other national chains and small retailers.
9. **COHatch** – Meeting and co-working space, a vast area for business and celebration.
10. **Beachwood Family Aquatic Center** – With 99,000 square feet of fun, this complex feels like a vacation without the expense or hassle. Attractions include water slides, a current channel, diving boards, splash pads, zero-depth entry pool, lap lanes, a tot pool, and an adult relaxation area.

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Lisa Berns, RN

Having dedicated nearly three decades of her career to Cleveland Clinic, **Lisa Berns, RN**, embodies the true essence of nursing. Her commitment to supporting her colleagues and passion for advocating for the sickest and most vulnerable patients through the height of the pandemic enhanced our community.

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Beachwood Hometown Heroes Celebrated

On Sunday, May 22, the city of Beachwood and Beachwood Historical Society recognized and celebrated Hometown Heroes who live, volunteer, and work in our community.

Heroes were selected because they're admired by others, are devoted to their work, and are dedicated to helping others. They are also role models who display courage, care, and concern – they do ordinary things in extraordinary ways.

Congratulations to Lisa Berns, Dr. Scott Howard, Lori Joyner, Kelly Debeljak, Steven Holtzman, Greg Liggett, Therese Ferritto, Brian Moore, Stacey Wright, Luke Combs, Dan Cicchella, and Riley Parke on being named this year's heroes.

"Those selected to be Hometown Heroes deserve our appreciation and admiration for all of their humble, hard work," said Mayor Justin Berns. "Their contributions positively influence many people within our community."

"Heroes are models who we can imitate," added Rosemary Nemeth, president of the Beachwood Historical Society. "A hero takes risks. He or she dedicates his or her life to helping others. We are proud of the many heroes who live and work amongst us in our wonderful city."

"I'm extremely grateful to have such outstanding heroes working alongside me and

within the community," added Derek Schroeder, Beachwood Community Services director. "This is another reason why Beachwood was just named the #1 suburb by *Cleveland Magazine!*"

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Be sure to visit the Garden of Heroes at Beachwood City Park West, located on the same side of the park as the pavilion.



Beachwood Fire Department Heroes



Fire Chief Steven Holtzman started his career with The City of Beachwood in October of 1992. He came to the city with a Bachelor of Science and Technology from Bowling Green State University, and was appointed to the Heights Area Special Rescue team in 1997, serving for more than 21 years.

In 1999, Steve was appointed as an original member of the Fire Department's Honor Guard

and served in that capacity for 20 years. He was promoted to lieutenant in November 2000 and to captain in August 2002.

Steve served several years as the department's EMS coordinator and infection control officer, during which time he obtained his state certification as a fire instructor. He was then appointed as lead training instructor, followed by the position as fire chief in June 2019.

During the pandemic, Steve served as the city's chief medical officer and infection control officer, and provided guidance on COVID-19 policies. A plan was formulated and continuously updated, based on CDC guidelines. Early on, Steve worked with the department's EMS coordinator to obtain PPE supplies that safely carried all departments through the pandemic.



Therese Ferritto was hired as Fire Prevention secretary in 2008, and was responsible for coordinating schedules and documents.

In 2018, she became the department's administrative assistant, and in 2019, she assisted with an administration transition. Therese interacts with all aspects of the Fire Department. She is the department's ambassador with the public, and does a great

job fielding calls and making people feel welcome. She also coordinates all department purchases and makes sure everyone has what they need for day-to-day operations.

In 2020 when the world was hit by the pandemic and most people worked from home, members of the Fire Department came to work every day and Therese didn't miss a beat. She worked closely

with our EMS coordinator to procure PPE supplies and fielded hundreds of calls when the city hosted its drive-through vaccination clinics. She also worked at the clinics.

Therese is the glue that helps the department's operations stick together. She is respected by all department members and was selected by all the officers to be named a Hometown Hero.



Greg Liggett, a veteran firefighter and paramedic with exemplary performance, is respected all. He is always engaged in department activities and lends his expertise to any project directed his way.

He was hired by the City of Beachwood in July 2000 and was appointed to the Heights Area Special Rescue Team in 2003, where he's served for 18 years.

In 2012, he was assigned as a

member of the design team and traveled the country to compile best-practice ideas to incorporate into a new fire station that would lead us into the future. Greg worked on the project through the new fire department's completion.

In 2014, Greg was appointed as a member of the Fire Department's Honor Guard, which promotes the department in a professional manner and represents it during unfortunate

times of death for department members or past members.

In 2019, he was appointed to the preplan committee that works to revamp and improve fire preplans for all commercial buildings. Firefighters depend on this information because it helps them understand the complexities of each building, the systems that are operating within each building, and how they affect their ability to mitigate emergencies.

They are also role models who display courage, care, and concern – they do ordinary things in extraordinary ways.

Beachwood Police Department Heroes



Detective Luke Combs

is always looking for ways to improve relationships within the community and with other departments. He has been a Beachwood police officer for 24 years, and currently serves on the DEA Task Force, which regularly assists participating departments throughout the region.

Luke is certified by the state of Ohio for electronic surveillance, cell phone analysis, street crime supervision, crisis intervention, narcotics and criminal interdiction, and asset forfeiture referenced to narcotics cases. In 2021, he, along with the DEA Task Force,

participated in the seizure of \$6,836,660 in narcotics-related assets, 97 kilograms of cocaine, 9 kilograms of heroin, 20 kilograms of fentanyl, 382 kilograms of marijuana, and 329 kilograms of methamphetamine. He also assisted in 215 narcotics and firearm-related arrests.



Officer Stacey L. Wright

joined the Beachwood Police Department in February 2021. Prior, she worked as a patrol officer for the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, where she joined the detective bureau. Stacey has received several awards for her high level of personal effort and remarkable performance throughout her career, including the Chief's Letter

of Recognition, the Distinguished Service Medal, and the Special Commendation Award.

Stacey, presently assigned to the uniform patrol division, is an invaluable member of the force. Due to her experience and competence, she is often called upon to help the detective bureau with forensic interviews of victims of sexual assaults and other violent crimes.



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Brian Moore has been a dispatcher for the Beachwood Police Department since December 1990. Prior, he worked as a volunteer firefighter for Chagrin Falls and Auburn Township Fire Departments, and as a dispatcher for Chester Township Police Department.

Brian's dedication to providing excellent customer

service has been evident throughout his career. He frequently goes above and beyond to help his peers and community members, and he never hesitates to ask what he can do to help. Brian, one of the department's longest-serving dispatchers, continues to provide excellent service to the Beachwood and Pepper Pike communities.

Beachwood City Schools Heroes



Lori Joyner, recently retired, greeted visitors in the BHS principal's office for 32 years and helped to keep the high school running smoothly through the leadership of eight principals and several renovations. Relationships with her staff were more like those with family. She referred to many teachers as "work children," because they supported, confided, and trusted each other, and laid the foundation for a healthy work environment.

Lori was the calm, dependable voice that parents spoke with when first calling the high school. Developing a rapport and establishing a connection were top priorities for the main office secretary. She also supported students in a variety of ways, from selling pumpkins at Pumpkin Patch back in 2015, to her most recent involvement as advisor of the Climate Action Team, raising awareness about climate action, climate justice,

and environmental awareness. The 8-foot-by-10-foot rainbow that is hanging in the main hall of the high school was created by the Climate Action Team and a few other high school groups. Rainbows symbolize hope, beauty, and unity, and are a sign of better days ahead. They remind us that when the storm is over, peace and beauty will exist.

Lori and her husband, Jim, live in University Heights. She has three stepchildren.



Kelly Debeljak, RN, MSN, has been a school nurse for the past 22 years, overseeing the health and safety of students and staff. Prior, Kelly worked at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital as a clinical nurse, nurse practitioner, and nurse coordinator of the Pediatric Neuromuscular Rehabilitation Center.

Kelly knows her students well, comforts staff, is a valuable resource to parents and the

community, and did an exemplary job during the pandemic.

Kelly was the 2021-22 recipient of the Beachwood City Schools Crystal Apple Award, which acknowledges staff members who have gone above and beyond their daily job responsibilities. Students often tell "Nurse Kelly" she is so much more than a nurse, to which Kelly responds, "It's my job to take care of the WHOLE you and not just your bumps and bruises."

Kelly's smile and caring personality are comforts to everyone she meets. Her proudest accomplishment in life is her family. She has been married to Greg Debeljak for 33 years, and they have two amazing daughters, Ashley Debeljak Erb and Allison Debeljak Espinosa, both BHS grads. Kelly also has a therapy dog, Blair. She loves working out at the gym and spending time with family and friends.

Beachwood Medical Heroes



N. Scott Howard, M.D., MBA, FACS, moved frequently as a child and eventually joined the Army to "see the world." He enrolled at the United States Military Academy at West Point and graduated with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. After five years of service, he found a new calling – to serve the military as a physician. Scott graduated from the University of Florida College of Medicine and completed his internship in

general surgery and residency in otolaryngology (ear-nose-throat) at the famed Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He completed his studies at UCLA with a subspecialty in laryngology, voice disorders, and broncho-esophagology, in parallel with an executive MBA at the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

While in the military, he served as the Department of Otolaryngology chair at the Department of Defense's largest

medical treatment facility. After retiring from the military, in the rank of colonel, Scott joined University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center as chief of Laryngology and director of UH Voice, Airway and Swallowing Center. He is also an academic otolaryngologist at CWRU School of Medicine.

Scott is married to Jill Howard. They are the proud parents of twins, Ryan and Sydney.



Lisa Berns, a registered nurse in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at Cleveland Clinic, Main Campus, has been a registered nurse for 29 years and was promoted to assistant nurse manager of the SICU in 2019.

She cares for critically ill patients, many of whom are the sickest of the sick. Lisa and her colleagues embraced the spirit of the true essence of nursing – patients first – throughout the pandemic.

Lisa views nursing as her calling; her life's work. Caring for the sick and vulnerable is her duty; it's her passion, it's in her blood, and it's who she is.

Lisa is humbled, honored, and privileged to play a critical role in the wellness and support of her patients, especially when their family members are not able to be there.

She is grateful to be a registered nurse at Cleveland Clinic, which

is devoted to providing safe, high quality, world-class care.

Lisa also serves on the board of Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple and on its medical advisory board, and is on the executive board of Beachwood Athletic Boosters.

She has been married for 19 years to Mayor Justin Berns. They are proud parents of Caleb, Allie and Sarah, and a fur baby named Eddie.

City of Beachwood Public Works Department



Dan Cicchella has been a dedicated member of the Public Works team for the past 14 years. He has one of the most difficult jobs in the city, as superintendent in charge of vehicle maintenance. Managing a fleet that spans 6 departments, with more than 120 on-the-road vehicles, 90 pieces of off-road equipment, and all of the city's small equipment, is no small task.

Keeping Fire and Police Departments' vehicles in service and on the road has always been a priority and is a key component of keeping Beachwood safe.

Dan's steady and positive attitude is a perfect match for the members in his department. They work well together to ensure parts are available and ready to be installed by one of the four dedicated mechanics.

He has a bachelor's degree in education, which makes him an extremely well-rounded leader who prides himself on building relationships with employees, vendors, and contractors. Even while on vacation, Dan encourages members of all departments to contact him directly, 24/7, so he can ensure that the City of Beachwood continues to provide the best of services.

Beachwood Student Hero



Riley Parke attended Beachwood High School throughout her high school career, during which time she worked with many of the school's athletic programs, accumulating more than 720 hours of community service by working with various programs.

Riley traveled with Beachwood's varsity football team and attended every game, and worked with the

girls' varsity basketball team for two years. She was also a member of the girls' varsity softball team, and was one of two freshmen to make the team her first year.

Riley also volunteered at many of the school's American Sign Language events. She will be attending Cleveland State University and plans to graduate with a degree in Criminology in 2026.

There are many more heroes who live and work in Beachwood!

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BAKED by Abbie

Blueberry Buckle

Let's return to summer fruit desserts and discuss "buckles." Essentially, these treats are fruit-filled coffee cakes. The name derives from the baking process. While the cake bakes, the batter rises around the fruit creating a craggy top surface.

Buckles are delicious any way you make them: with one kind of berry, with mixed berries, with stone fruit, or even a combination of berries and stone fruit. The blueberry-peach combo is quite popular.

This recipe may be created with either fresh or frozen berries. But, since it's summer, don't miss out on the joy of baking with fresh, plump berries. It's the greatest part of summer. And the best aspect about this cake is that you can enjoy it for breakfast, brunch, or dessert! Top off your warm, baked buckles with a generous dollop of vanilla yogurt, ice cream, or whipped cream. A dusting of powdered sugar is likewise nice.



Recipe adapted from the 2021 Revised and Updated King Arthur Baking Company's All-Purpose Baker's Companion.

Ingredients

Batter

- ½ cup white sugar
- 4 tablespoons butter (½ stick), softened
- 1 large egg
- 2-3 teaspoons lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups plus 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour, divided use
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup milk/buttermilk
- 2 – 2 ½ cups blueberries (if frozen, unthawed)

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- ¼ cup each white and light brown sugar
- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon (optional)
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 4-5 tablespoons butter, softened

Directions

- Grease and flour a 9" square or round pan and preheat oven to 375°F.
- **Batter** – In a stand mixer, cream sugar and butter. Add zest, vanilla and egg, and mix at medium speed for 1 minute. Whisk together dry ingredients. Add milk alternately with the dry ingredients, scraping sides of bowl as necessary. With a spatula, gently fold in berries



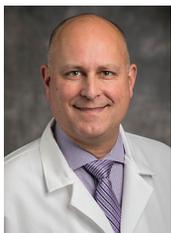
that have been tossed with the 1 tablespoon flour (which prevents them from sinking). Carefully spread batter into prepared pan.

- **Topping** – In a medium bowl, whisk together sugars, flour, cinnamon and salt. Add butter. Use two forks or a pastry blender to mix into crumbs to sprinkle over batter.
- Bake for 45-50 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Remove from oven. Cool 10 minutes before serving.

Abbie Nagler Sender, a licensed, award-winning baker, is the owner of BAKED by abbie, a Beachwood-based home bakery that offers customized baked goods with a Jewish twist. For more information, visit www.BAKEDbyabbie.com and like her Facebook business page, BAKEDbyabbieCLE.

Scott Howard, MD, is a Hero of Beachwood – and UH.

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New Head Coaches Hired for 2022-2023 School Year

Beachwood Schools Director of Athletics Ryan Peters recently announced the hiring of six head coaches for the 2022-2023 school year: Scott Fischer, Cinderella "Cindy" Gray, Jocelyn Noel, and Jasmine Stevens, all Beachwood High School grads who look forward to giving back to the programs that had huge impacts on their lives while at BHS; and Maranda Melton and Don Readance, who look forward to making a positive impact on students in our district.



"I am super excited for our student athletes and for our athletic department," Ryan said. "These coaches are truly dedicated to our community. They all have excellent experience and great visions for the future of their programs and for our athletes. All of these coaches are willing to go the extra mile for a child. We are very fortunate to have them on our staff and in our community."

Scott Fischer BHS Head Interim Football Coach

Scott, BHS class of 1995, was a standout football player for the Bison, where he earned 1st Team All Ohio honors. After graduation, he attended Hiram College, where he graduated with a degree in Elementary Education in 2000. He earned All OAC 2nd Team Honors as a tight end while playing football at Hiram. After graduating, he began teaching at the Cleveland Municipal School District as a 4th-grade teacher.

Scott has coached football for 22 seasons, and has been an assistant coach for the Bison for over 13 years. He coached playoff teams at Chanel, Maple Heights, and Beachwood, and while at Chanel, his team reached the State Championship game. During his tenure, he coached many student athletes who continued their playing career at the collegiate level.

Scott is very excited and honored to be in this new role as head coach. His passion for our

community and his love for Bison football is what propelled his coaching career. Coaching football allows him to make an impact on student athletes and their families, and bring back success to the Bison football program. Coaching allows him to give back to a sport and community that helped make him the person he is today.

Scott has been serving as a camp director for the City of Beachwood Recreation Department for 20 years, has been a teacher for 22 years, and



is currently employed as a 4th-grade teacher in Cleveland at Ohio Prep School.



Cinderella "Cindy" Gray BHS Head Volleyball Coach

Cindy, BHS class of 2012, played volleyball for the Bison for four seasons. After graduation, she attended the University of Akron, where she was a member of the Akron Volleyball Club team. She recently graduated from Ursuline College with a degree in psychology.

Cindy has been on the Bison Volleyball coaching staff for the past four seasons, under Coach Tiffany McFarland. For three seasons, she served as the high school assistant coach, and last year, she was the middle

school head coach. During her coaching career, Cindy helped lead the Bison to a Chagrin Valley Conference Championship and helped her student athletes break many school records. She is currently the head coach for a 13-year-old girls' traveling volleyball team through David and Goliath in Twinsburg, Ohio. During the summer, Cindy is the program director for the summer volleyball program through Cleveland Municipal School District.

Cindy learned many valuable life lessons from the

Beachwood volleyball program and is excited to give back to the sport and community that she loves. Watching her players grow and reach their full potential on and off the court makes her strive to be a better person – for herself and for her team. Being a positive, successful female role model allows her to develop trusting relationships with her players.

Cindy worked at BHS as an educational aide and was the school's academic advisor and new student coordinator. She is



currently employed at Erie Foot and Ankle Center, as the front desk coordinator.

Jocelyn Noel
BHS Head Cheerleading Coach, Fall Football Season

Jocelyn, BHS class of 2015, was a competitive gymnast and dancer. While at BHS, she was a cheerleader for four years and on drill team for a year. In May 2019,

Jocelyn earned a degree in mass communications with a minor in marketing from Southern University and A&M College. In 2021, she was hired as an assistant high school cheerleading coach, under Colleen Schachtel.

Jocelyn is excited to share her experiences and help lead the Bison cheerleading team to

great success. She enjoys coaching because it allows her to serve as a mentor and give back to our student athletes. She hopes to empower them to develop strong work ethics, confidence, and leadership skills.

Jocelyn is a marketing technology trainer at Cross Country Mortgage.



Jocelyn Noel and Jasmine Stevens.

Jasmine Stevens
BHS Head Cheerleading Coach, Winter Basketball Season

Jasmine, BHS class of 2011, was a standout cheerleader and team captain for the Bison. After graduating, she attended The Ohio State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in dance. While in college, she was a member of the OSU Dance Team.

Jasmine served for six seasons as the BHS Drill Team advisor, was the BHS junior varsity cheerleading coach for one season, and was the Beachwood Middle School head cheerleading coach for three seasons. She was also a Cavs' cheerleader for three seasons and

was part of the Cavs' NBA Championship run.

Jasmine loves coaching because it gives her the ability to share her talents and knowledge with student athletes. She enjoys connecting and building relationships with her cheerleaders and their families. Jasmine will also continue to serve as our drill team advisor during the fall season, as well as an assistant high school cheerleading coach in the fall.

For the past six years, Jasmine has been working at BMS as a special education assistant. During her free time, she is a dance teacher at a local dance studio.

Maranda Melton
BHS Head Girls' Soccer Coach

Maranda graduated from Glen Este High School, in Cincinnati, where she was a standout soccer player. She then earned a college scholarship to continue her education and playing career at Notre Dame College, where she was a four-year team member of the women's soccer team. She helped lead her team to a conference championship, earning a bid into the NCAA tournament, for the first time in school history. She was a three-year team captain for the Falcons, earned MEC First Team All-Conference honors, and was awarded the MEC Coaches Award during her senior season. Maranda graduated with a degree in psychology and a minor in business.

Maranda has been an assistant coach of the BHS Girls' Soccer team for the past three seasons. During her tenure she coached one of the winning-est teams in school history (2019); many players earned All District and All Conference honors,



as well as media honors.

Coaching soccer brings Maranda much happiness and joy; it allows her the ability to continue to learn and grow as a coach and as an individual. Coaching gives her the opportunity to share her knowledge and passion for the game with others. She loves seeing student athletes develop as players and as teammates.

Maranda works at National Biological Corporation as a human resource leader.



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Don Readance BHS Head Girls' Basketball Coach

Don, a Cleveland Heights High School graduate, was a standout athlete. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in physical education from Cleveland State University and his Masters in Educational Administration from Ashland University.

After graduating from college, he first coached high school basketball and softball at his high school alma mater for three seasons, and then accepted a coaching and teaching position at Shaker Heights High School, where he was hired as the head girls' basketball coach and physical education teacher.

During his coaching career at Shaker Heights, he led his team to a district championship and the regional semifinals, and was awarded the Division I Coach of the Year honors. He also coached more than 100 career victories over 8 winning seasons.

In 2006, Don was hired as the director of athletics and served in that capacity until 2020, when he chose to go back into the classroom and teach physical education full time. Last season, he coached girls' basketball at Shaker, and for the past two seasons, he served as an assistant varsity high school softball coach for the Bison.

Don is excited to give back to the Beachwood girls' basketball program. He loves what Beachwood has to offer to its student athletes and their families, and also loves coaching, teaching, and helping to shape the lives of young adults. Being a positive role model allows him to develop successful people on and off the court; he wants to make an impact in our community, which he has grown to love and appreciate.

Don and his family have resided in Beachwood for the past eight years. His wife, Lisa Hardiman Readance, is a BHS graduate, class of 1988, and



their daughter, Marley, is in the 8th grade. During Don's free time, he enjoys coaching softball and basketball, and playing sports.

"These coaches are truly dedicated to our community. They all have excellent experience and great visions for the future of their programs and for our athletes. All of these coaches are willing to go the extra mile for a child. We are very fortunate to have them on our staff and in our community!"

~ Ryan Peters, Director of Athletics



GO BISON!

Beachwood High School's new head coaches, *from left*, Cindy Gray, Maranda Melton, Scott Fischer, Don Readance, Jasmine Stevens, and Jocelyn Noel. **Photos by Scott Morrison, Discovery Photo.**

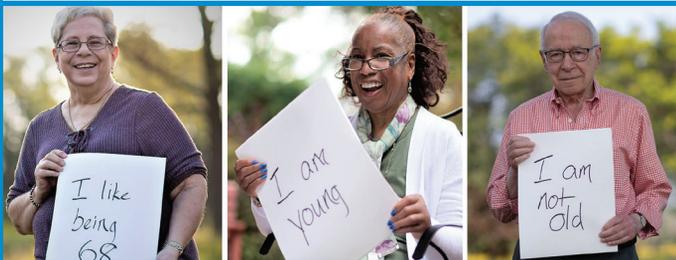
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Summerfest at Stone Gardens

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Residents and staff at Stone Gardens were all in when they planned their annual Summerfest, saying, "Bring on the heat – we have plenty of water to keep us hydrated, and ice cream and popsicles to cool us off!"

Attendees had a blast discovering the soft fur of alpacas and walking down memory lane, reminiscing of past experiences visiting family farms.

"Bring on the heat – we have plenty of water to keep us hydrated, and ice cream and popsicles to cool us off!"

They also played yard games, made sun catchers, and added leaves, with fingerprints, on a pole that will adorn the campus's rose garden.

Then, after all the fun and games, they set up chairs in shaded areas, tapped their toes, and sang summertime tunes with Debbie Darling and Company.



Top row: Mayor Justin Berns enjoyed creating fingerprint leaves; Barb Bodzin made a sun catcher with graduate student Kayla Hensel. Middle row: Stone Gardens Residents' Council President Elect Penny Sikouris and Art Director Marie Smith shared some love with the alpacas; Debbie Darling and Company entertained the crowd with songs of summer. Left: Grace Uhle played corn hole with staff member Rachel Venezia.



Don't Just Do Something – Do The Right Thing

by State Representative Kent Smith

Following the August 4, 2019, mass shooting in Dayton, the community came together to mourn its losses and comfort one another. Governor Mike DeWine joined them. It was not the Governor's words that were memorable, but what the crowd shouted at him. They chanted, "Do Something!"

Governor DeWine heard the crowd and he certainly did something. He did three things: three of the wrong things.

On January 4, 2021, Governor DeWine signed Senate Bill 175 (Shoot First/Kill at Will law), which expanded Ohio's self-defense laws. SB 175 makes it legal for people to start a fight, escalate the fight, and kill the other person if you feel afraid. SB 175 seeks to justify gun violence, not reduce it. It is fear-based nonsense driven by the gun lobby.

On March 14, 2022, the Governor signed Senate Bill 215,

which allowed Ohioans to carry a loaded, concealed handgun in public without any permit. This legislation also repealed the duty to notify law enforcement if you are in possession of a firearm, putting all safety forces at risk.

And on June 13, 2022, the same day SB 215 took effect, Governor DeWine signed into law House Bill 99, the controversial legislation to allow teachers and staff to be armed in schools. Police, teachers' unions, civil rights groups, and students all strongly opposed this legislation.

What Could We Do? I believe the first best step to reducing gun violence is to enact background check legislation that closes all security loopholes surrounding firearm sales. For example, if someone is on a "no-fly" list because he is judged too dangerous to be on an airplane, then perhaps he shouldn't be able to buy a weapon of war.

I and my Ohio House Democratic colleagues are trying to do the right thing by enacting common sense gun safety laws. Red flag laws, assault weapon bans, and fixing the

background check loopholes will help end gun violence, and will make our communities, schools, supermarkets, movie theaters and places of worship safer. We all want to live in a state where citizens and law enforcement both get home safely at the end of the day. Ohio deserves better.

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.

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July 4th

by Jen Stern

With July 4th comes awareness and celebration of our good fortune to live in a country that values freedom, opportunity for all, diversity, and democracy.

We are at a surreal crossroad in our (privileged) country. As we celebrate the freedoms we are fortunate to have, how do we become more united? How do we replace myopic agenda driven partisan politics with big picture solutions of how we as a country can work together to empower everyone (inclusive of women, minorities, and the disenfranchised) to honor, protect, and empower themselves to live their healthiest and safest lives?
Can we prioritize mental, physical, and emotional health and safety over power and greed?

Can we intentionally live alongside others and treat them as we wish to be treated?
Can we create space for opinions that differ from our own without being adversarial or divisive?
Can we work to consider and give power to the greater good over this insatiable need to be right or to win at all costs?
Can we intentionally connect to compassion over judgment?
Can we focus on solutions rather than recycled narratives and propaganda that further divides and prevents progress, healing and hope?

Yes, we can.
Each of us has the power to be a part of what heals, unites, and moves us forward differently.
Together we can! After all, we live in the United States of America.

"It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it."

~ Nelson Mandela



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Young Family Audiences Get Artsy at Maltz Museum's New Special Exhibition

A new interactive children's exhibition has arrived in Beachwood! *Chagall for Children: Where Kids Can Touch the Art* opened at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage on May 15, with a kick-off event celebrating the art of theater, music, and magic. An estimated 350 guests, of all ages and backgrounds, enjoyed the hands-on exhibit, as well as featured guests from Mandel Jewish Community Center's Playmakers Youth Theater, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's Mike Abbadini, and master magician Scott Shuller. The special exhibition is on view through August 28.

Weekly morning story times at the museum will occur every Thursday, starting in June. Plus, monthly family events will include interactive art projects with the Children's Museum of Cleveland, Spirit of Clay Art Studio, and Upcycle Parts Shop.

Chagall for Children was developed by the Kohl Children's Museum of Greater Chicago, Illinois, as a multi-sensory, hands-on exploration of one of the best loved artists of the twentieth century, Marc Chagall.

Chagall for Children: Where Kids Can Touch the Art opened at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage on May 15, with a kick-off event celebrating the art of theater, music, and magic.

The exhibit is specifically designed for audiences ages 2-12. With 14 multi-sensory interactive play stations featuring reproductions of Chagall's colorful artworks, young visitors enjoy touching and engaging with the art. From wearing colorful smocks to seeing their face in the painting to weaving a loom to piecing together a stained-glass puzzle to building a house with log blocks, there's something special for everyone!

A bonus reading nook was added to share stories of the artist, imagination, and creativity.

Additional programming inspired for adults by Marc Chagall includes the series *Get Artsy* at the Spirit of Clay Art Studio in Mayfield Heights, a live reading of the play *Bauer*, produced by Interplay Jewish Theater and hosted at the Mandel JCC, and a lecture on Arthur Szyk's stained-glass windows, by curator Sue Koletsky, at The Temple-Tifereth Israel.

For information about the exhibition, any family or adult programs, or to buy tickets, call 216.593.0575 or visit www.maltzmuseum.org.



Visit the Maltz Museum where history comes to life!



Chagall for Children

This Summer Only!

An exhibition made for kids 2 – 12! Explore the art of painter Marc Chagall through blocks, puzzles, digital photography, musical notes, voice recordings, & books. Kids can engage art in a totally new way. Don't miss it!



An American Story

Step into a world filled with inspiring and moving stories of Jewish immigrants perhaps you own ancestors and modern-day heroes. This moving experience incorporates interactives, film, and oral histories.



Interactive Biography

Meet Holocaust survivor Stanley Bernath, whose story has been preserved through cutting-edge technology as an interactive biography. A unique experience that allows you ask him questions about the past.

Purchase tickets at maltzmuseum.org

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It's been quite a moment here in the city with the *Cleveland Magazine* annual ranking of the suburbs being released in the June issue, placing Beachwood at #1. This clearly is information that we all can take pride in and relish, but we can also use it as an incentive to keep up the good work.

Among those who obviously pay attention to all that occurs with home sales are realtors, and they have been helping many people achieve their ownership goal of living in Beachwood. **Our median home price in 2021 was \$348,750, and 222 homes were sold last year.** We have lots of new neighbors, and I hope these new dwellers here are enjoying all that the city has to offer.

I couldn't agree more with longtime realtor Sharon Friedman's statement in this issue's cover story that "Beachwood is a place where you can be born there and die there and do everything in between because there are so many options."

As one who has seen what's available throughout the east side of Cleveland, Friedman also points out that our "recreation facilities are second to none." In fact, **she refers to our Family Aquatic Center as "the Six Flags of Beachwood."** Funny.

Our Community Services Department, in conjunction with the Public Works Department, works hard throughout the year to ensure that the pool and all of our recreation properties operate smoothly. It's notable that **we recently completed construction and installation of a high-quality exercise equipment space to City Park East to promote cardio and strength levels.** Our community services director Derek Schroeder and his staff selected equipment that would offer the best range of fitness opportunities. We invite everyone to accept the challenges it presents.

Among the Community Services Department's many roles, another one is to deliver **a program catalog three times per year filled with 100 - 150 classes and activities. A new one will be released in August.** Residents of all ages can find plenty of educational, recreational and creative opportunities within its listings.

What's particularly exciting is what lies ahead this summer. I encourage everyone to engage in some of these activities:

CLE Market – July 13 & Aug. 10 (2nd Wednesday of every month through October), 4-8 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot. This marks the event's first eastside location where there's a great selection of products

at competitive prices produced and distributed by locals.

Yappy Hour – August 11, 5-7 p.m. Outdoor social opportunity for people and pups next to Barkwood in City Park East. Featuring a DJ, games and contests, plus wine, beer and cocktails for purchase. This is a fundraiser for University Hospital's Pet Pals program which uses trained volunteers and their adult dogs to make short, in-room therapy visits with patients.

National Night Out – Tuesday, Aug. 2, 5-7 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot. Annual campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Featuring games, demonstrations, food trucks, crafts, a bike course, the K9 unit and more. Free, open to all and a family-friendly occasion.

Pickle Ball – Every Wednesday & Sunday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on the Beachwood courts with a tournament Sat., July 16, sponsored by the Beachwood Historical Society. Winners earn T-shirts and other prizes. Paired entry is \$35. Sign up at beachwoodrec.com. This summer, the Community Services Department will be adding four newly lined pickleball courts within two pre-existing tennis courts, and they will have portable regulation pickleball nets for better play!

Movie Nights – Sunday, July 24, *The Addams Family 2*, and Sunday, Aug. 14, *Moana* (including a luau party), free events at 5 p.m.

Concerts – All musical genres, something for everyone. Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8 p.m. at BFAC (if raining, at the Community Center), and Thursdays, 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the Community Center, ending July 28.

Dog Swim -Thursday, Sept. 8, after pool closing on Monday, Sept. 5.

We are fortunate to have so many opportunities and options to enjoy right within our borders. I hope you have a wonderful summer in Beachwood!

Mayor Justin Berns
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LT. JOHN RESEK APPOINTED TO DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF

The City of Beachwood is pleased to announce that Lt. John Resek was appointed to the position of Deputy Police Chief. He is a seasoned police professional who has proudly served the city for the past 21 years. He worked his way up through the ranks as Officer, Sergeant and Lieutenant and he has extensive history and knowledge of departmental operations. He is well positioned to assist Chief Kate Dolan in the administration of the Police Department.



Lt. John Resek accepting his appointment in Council Chambers alongside Chief Dolan and Mayor Berns.

POLICE & FIRE VISIT MANDEL JEWISH DAY SCHOOL



Beachwood Fire and Police met with Mandel Jewish Day School's kindergarten class to talk about community helpers. According to BPD, the students loved the fire truck almost as much as the police car!



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CHRIS ARRIETTA ACCEPTS REAPPOINTMENT



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Mayor Justin Berns announced with tremendous gratitude that Chris Arrietta, the city's Public Works Director, accepted a reappointment to this key civic position, effective June 1. This occasion follows Mr. Arrietta's retirement date, effective May 31, based on OPERS eligibility after 32 years of public service.

"Over the past three decades, the City of Beachwood benefited by having Mr. Arrietta as a member of its Public Works team. He was originally appointed as Public Works Director in January 2019, and he has a proven exemplary service record," says Mayor Berns. "We are pleased that he will continue working for us as his knowledge and expertise will benefit the city as we move forward."

City Council confirmed this reappointment with a new base salary that registers at a reduced rate compared to his previous salary and is consistent with the city's past practices.

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
July 5 at 7:00 p.m.
July 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
July 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Architectural Board of Review:
July 5 at 4:30 p.m.
July 18 at 4:30 p.m.

WORK-LIVE-LEARN...THRIVE

LEAF PARTY DAY, UNIQUE CELEBRATION FALLS ON JULY 8

Leaf Party Day came to fruition due to the passion of 20-year-old Bartu Hatipoglu, a Beachwood resident who doesn't let autism get in the way of his unique ability to connect with others through nature.

Bartu understands nature and has developed a special relationship with trees and the environment in general. He can often be spotted in the neighborhood planting bulbs, nursing plants back to life and hauling fallen tree limbs back to the woods in his backyard. A composting pile was soon created when Bartu began collecting leaves from the streets of Bryden Road in Beachwood. He quickly got wise to the Public Works Department's pickup times and began collecting from neighbors before the leaves were picked up while his mother rode in her car alongside him. Even snow never thwarted his determination.

In 2017, Bartu began sharing his love for leaves with Pool Manager Missy Bystrom and other employees at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center. His pure spirit and unconditional joy were contagious.

"Little by little, Bartu began bringing leaves to the pool in 2017," Missy explained. "Fast forward, leaves turned into small branches and he began sharing them with pool patrons. Children began following him around the lazy river chanting 'Leaf Party' as they swung their branches with leaves above their heads. It got bigger the following year in 2018 when Community Services Director Karen Carmen, who's now retired, took some delight in his interest in leaves and supported his enthusiasm."

Bartu is a rule follower, but Karen knew telling him not to bring leaves wasn't an option. She purchased stalks of artificial leaves and created an official Leaf Party bucket at the pool entrance. From that point on, Bartu jokingly titled the former Community Services Director as the 'Inspector.'

Year after year, Beachwood's Leaf Party Day has only grown. Bartu is a local legend with the summer campers who rush over to see him while lifeguards chant 'Leaf Party' with the patrons. Community Services Director Derek Schroeder has helped the event expand with leaf-themed crafts, garlands, crowns, t-shirts and more.

Although it isn't officially documented in Beachwood history, employees are fairly certain that Bartu is the first resident to do a flip off the high dive while holding leaves. The 5th annual Leaf Party is scheduled for Friday, July 8, 1-3 p.m. at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center for members only. For more information, visit BeachwoodRec.com.



Bartu, in the center, with the Leaf-Guards at the Family Aquatic Center in 2021.

BEACHWOOD

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BEACHWOOD 100 DONATES TO POLICE DEPARTMENT

In an extremely generous gesture to offset the cost of replacing fitness equipment in the Beachwood Police Department's fitness center, a \$20,000 gift was extended by the Beachwood 100. This organization is composed of caring citizens whose annual tax-deductible dues are used solely to create a contingency fund to aid Beachwood's police and fire safety forces during times of personal emergencies and other needs. The organization is run 100% by volunteers.



Members of Beachwood 100, Mayor Berns, City Council and BPD gather in celebration of the donation.

HOMETOWN HEROES ANNOUNCED



Congratulations to Hometown Heroes who were recognized at Beachwood City Park West on Sunday, May 22. For more information, see pages 12-15.

LOW INTEREST LOANS AVAILABLE FOR MAINTAINING OLDER HOMES

Beachwood is participating in The Heritage Home Program (HHP) which offers low-interest, fixed-rate, equity-based loans for maintaining and improving houses that are at least 50 years old. The program also offers homeowners free advice on home improvement, repair and maintenance projects that are unique to older homes. Further details are available at www.heritagehomeprogram.org or by calling 216-426-3116.

The City of Beachwood and Mayor Berns will be hosting an information session for residents on **Wednesday, July 13 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers**. Representatives of the Heritage Home Loan Program will provide an overview of the program and answer questions from residents.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS FOR A GREAT CAUSE

Members of the Beachwood Fire Department participated in "Race for the Place" on Sunday, June 5, around Beachwood Place under great weather conditions. City Council President Alec Isaacson extended a proclamation to the organizers of the annual fundraising event. It features a 5K run and a 1-mile walk to celebrate cancer survivors and to support the free programs and services provided by the Beachwood-based organization, The Gathering Place, whose mission is to educate and empower people of all ages during their cancer journey.



Council President Alec Isaacson (center, red shirt) surrounded by members of the Beachwood Fire Department and their family members on June 5 at Race for the Place.

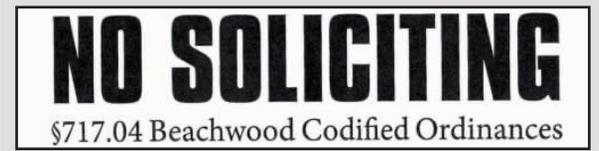
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The Fairfield Inn & Suites on Orange Place in Beachwood being demolished in preparation for the construction of the new Porsche Beachwood dealership



SOLICITATION ORDINANCE

Beachwood's codified ordinance 717.04 requires solicitors employed by for-profit companies to obtain a permit from the Police Department. The below sticker can be obtained by residents and businesses from City Hall or the Police Department during normal business hours. You can also print the sign below from the city website and tape it to the door. Once the solicitor notices the sticker, they must depart the premises.



COMMUNITY COMPLIMENT

"I love our Beachwood community. One of our treasures not mentioned often enough is our **Public Works Department**. The men in those big trucks are so kind, and they have gone out of their way to help me out so many times over the years. I'm in the process of moving after 49 years in my home - to a smaller place also in Beachwood - and no matter how much 'stuff' I put out for collection, they make it disappear. I have said many times after hearing stories from other communities that people should move here because of the **service** from our Public Works Department."

Carol Mandel
Proud Beachwood Resident

JULY RECREATION GUIDE

NEW FITNESS PARK REVOLUTIONIZING OUTDOOR EXERCISE

Community health and wellness just got easier with the addition of a Fitness Park located in City Park East. The new Fitness Park features state-of-the-art outdoor equipment for all fitness levels.

The project consists of two phases. The initial phase was completed May 27 offering body weight style equipment targeting major muscle groups. The second phase is a sleek, modern fitness court with a supporting mobile app by the National Fitness Campaign. The court offers different exercise zones for a full body workout and circuit style training. The space was created with all ages in mind, making exercise accessible to all in an open-air atmosphere. Beachwood is one of approximately 250 cities nationwide with this unique community asset.



Body weight equipment installed at the Fitness Park during the initial phase on May 27.

A distinct element of phase two is the public art installation on the back of the equipment wall. The artwork is titled "Five Seasons in Ohio" by local artist Eileen Dorsey. Eileen has been honored as *Cleveland Scene's* Best Artist in 2020 and 2018, *Cleveland Magazine's* Best Artist in 2021, 2020 and 2019, and was recognized with "Eileen Dorsey Day" on July 31, 2021, by the Mayor of Westlake. Her work will face outward toward the trails in City Park East and Barkwood Park.

Free community fitness classes are being organized for all to enjoy. The Fitness Park is also open daily for your own workout routine. For the latest Fitness Park details and fitness schedule, visit BeachwoodRec.com or follow Beachwood Recreation on Facebook.

Community fitness class partners include Mandel JCC, Burn Boot Camp, ATP Gym and local fitness enthusiast Robyn Schadick.



Rendering of the second phase containing the fitness court.

BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY: The Time Travelers' Garden | June 30 - August 28 | 25325 Fairmount Blvd
Personal approaches to the interconnected, broadly defined ideas of time, travel and the garden.

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UH PET PALS JOINS FORCES WITH YAPPY HOUR

Beachwood Community Services and University Hospital's Pet Pals program are teaming up for the second Yappy Hour of the summer on August 11 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m at City Park East, near Barkwood. The event will serve as a fundraiser for University Hospital's Pet Pals program which uses trained volunteers and their adult dogs to make short, in-room therapy visits with patients. Pet therapy has been known to reduce stress, promote healing, lower blood pressure and lift spirits.

Yappy Hour features a live DJ, beer, wine, cocktails, Scott's Fire and Ice pizza and more. The event is open to all, with food and drinks for purchase. Attendees are welcome to take their four-legged friend on a walk through the park. Barkwood will be available to members only. Sponsored by North High Brewing Company and Pope's Cocktails. For more information, call 216-292-1970 or visit BeachwoodRec.com.



JULY CONCERT LINEUP

Beachwood Beats continues throughout July with a variety of indoor and outdoor concerts. Regardless of location, all summer concerts start at 6:30 p.m. and are completely free of charge. Bring a chair or blanket for outdoor events. Concerts will be moved inside for inclement weather.

July Outdoor Concerts (Family Aquatic Center)

- July 5: Red Light Roxy - Boogie Woogie
- July 12: Billy & The Biscuits - Zydeco & Cajun Trio
- July 19: FM77 - 70s Tribute Band
- July 26: Dan Zola Orchestra - Big Band & 50-Year Resident Salute

July Indoor Concerts (Community Center)

- July 7: Harry Bacharach - Pianist
- July 14: Julia Russ - Pianist
- July 21: Mary Beth Ions & Mike Leamon - Violinist & Pianist
- July 28: Moss Stanley - Pianist

City of Beachwood
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August 1-5

Morning Session 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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An educational program for incoming kindergarten students related to bus, pedestrian and personal safety. Held at Fairmount Early Childhood Education Center.
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JULY 24:
The Addams Family 2

AUGUST 14:
Moana (Luau Party!)

GO GREEN AWARENESS DAY

The Beachwood Family Aquatic Center will be hosting several "Green" vendors on July 24 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to help raise awareness regarding local environmental issues. If you are interested in setting up a booth or joining Beachwood's Green Committee, email Community Services Director Derek Schroeder at derek.schroeder@beachwoodohio.com. See you there on Sunday, July 24!



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

You're invited to the City of Beachwood's National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The event will be held in the City Hall parking lot featuring games, demos, food trucks, crafts, a bike course, the K9 unit and more. Free, open to all and a family-friendly occasion.

National Night Out is an annual campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. It is a great opportunity to interact with law enforcement personnel who keep our city safe every day. Thousands of communities from all 50 states participate.

BEACHWOOD SENIORS

CHIEN LIAO CELEBRATES 100

Mayor Berns celebrated Chien Liao's 100th birthday last month with a city proclamation. Chien and his wife Kam were the first people of Chinese descent to reside in Beachwood, beginning in 1957. They have



Chien Liao pictured with Mayor Berns.

been married 72 years, and they have two sons, Winston and Wayne, seven grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. The Liaos established the first and only STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) scholarship through Beachwood Schools Foundation that is annually awarded to a graduating BHS senior. Chien was a research and development scientist for Standard Ohio (Sohio) in its petroleum products department. He has more than two dozen U.S. and foreign patents and has published many technical articles. Happy Birthday Chien!

NATIONAL MAHJONG DAY ON MONDAY, AUGUST 1



Community Services is planning a Game Gathering Get-Together for National Mahjong Day. Need mahjong lessons? Want to play canasta or bridge? Connect with fellow players and community members from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Community Center on August 1.

RSVP before July 27 by calling Beachwood Community Services at 216-292-1911.

RSVP FOR THE 50-YEAR RESIDENT SALUTE

The City of Beachwood would like to invite all residents who have lived here for 50 years or more to join us for a moment of special recognition at the July 26 Beachwood Beats concert. Newly minted 50-year residents will receive a special gift. The July 26 evening event, held at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center, will feature the Dan Zola Orchestra.

All are welcome to attend for entertainment. The concert is free of charge and open to the public. If you are a 50-year resident and have not been recognized in previous years, please RSVP by calling Beachwood Community Services at 216-292-1970.

PLAY BRIDGE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Looking to have some fun and make a few new friends? Try Bridge at the Beachwood Community Center. Duplicate Bridge is played on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. or Expert Bridge on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. Both groups are ready to greet new players with open arms. Questions? Call 216-292-1911.

Senior Dessert Out

Thursday, July 21, at 12 PM
Community Center
Pianist Marshall Griffith

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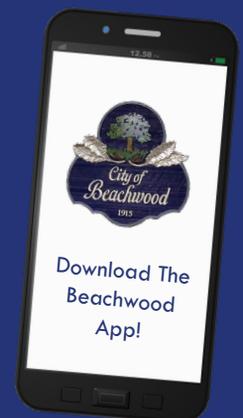
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Beachwood's Fitness Park *Now Open!*

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stated Derek Schroeder, Community Services director. "Eileen was honored as *Cleveland Scene's* Best Artist in 2020 and 2018, and *Cleveland Magazine's* Best Artist in 2021, 2020 and 2019. She was also honored by the mayor of Westlake when he declared July 31, 2021, as 'Eileen Dorsey Day.' Her work faces outward towards the trails and Barkwood in Beachwood City Park East."

A Launch Day event with a ribbon cutting, demo, introductory fitness class,



and more took place on Wednesday, June 29, and the Fitness Park is now open daily. Free community fitness classes are currently being organized. Community fitness class partners include Mandel Jewish Community Center, Burn Boot Camp, ATP Gym, and local fitness enthusiast Robyn Schadick.



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The Time Travelers' Garden

Artwork by **Dustin Grella, Christopher Hoot, Liz Maugans and Mark Soppeland**
Beachwood Community Center • June 30 – August 28
Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 am – 4 pm
Artists' Reception • Sunday, July 10 • 1 to 2:30 pm

Artists have had a complex relationship with time and place since the earliest known cave paintings. Then, as now, artists engage memories of the past while being focused in the moment to create images that would record their existence for the future.

This exhibition, organized by Susan Gordon Merdler, Beachwood Community Services senior adult manager, and Beachwood resident Mark Soppeland, features four artists who explore diverse artistic practices that involve highly personal approaches to the interconnected, broadly defined ideas of time, travel, and the garden.

Dustin Grella is an assistant professor of animation at Queen's College in New York. His stop action animated projects have been exhibited at many international venues, including showings at the Cannes Film Festival and The Museum of Modern Art in New York. His ongoing project is the Animation Hotline in which

he has left an open invitation to the world to leave recorded messages on his phone machine of personal short stories. These become the soundtracks to his remarkable visual interpretations.

Liz Maugans is the founding director of Zygote Press, current director of YARDS Projects, and

curator of the Dalad Collection at Worthington Yards in Cleveland's Warehouse District. Her multi-layered paintings and collage-based prints are created, in part, from images reconsidered and repurposed from her past to make contemporary commentary on politics, social issues, and her personal life as an artist, wife, and mother.

Christopher Hoot is a professor of art at the University of Akron's Myers School of Art, where he teaches foundations and graphic design courses. His current research moves between the old-world techniques of paper marbling, other forms of painting, and digital photography, which merge with high-tech computer generated and manipulated images and video art. These media and techniques are

combined and intertwined to investigate and form abstract landscapes, soundscapes, and cityscapes that resonate on various levels.

Mark Soppeland is a distinguished professor of art emeritus at the Myers School of Art at the University of Akron. His new paintings are part of the Organic Algorithms/Dangerous Abstractions Series. These works address wide-ranging concerns of our current social/technological phenomena, including issues related to our new, first time in history, big data moment with its ability to instantaneously retrieve the past, monitor and manipulate the present, and potentially predict the future.

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Top: Letters to Myself, by Dustin Grella. This is a very small part of a very large conceptual project. Dustin has been sending himself a letter every day for the past twenty years. A selection of these unopened letters and a new video project about its on-going history will be included in the the exhibition.

Middle: IMOK, by Liz Maugans; and *Space-time Resonance*, by Christopher Hoot



Bottom: Sleep Walker, by Mark Soppeland

Beachwood CLASS OF 2022



BEACHWOOD CLASS OF 2022

ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS

MAGNA CUM LAUDE AWARDS

Tyler Celleghin	Moonhee Kim	John Shi
Abigail Cherian	David Kuang	Christian Wu
Ilan Elisha Haas	Melanie Lee	Bowen Zhang
Vidula Jambunath	Ilya Nikitin	Evelyn Zhang
Michael Karpov	Gabriella Rovner	

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

Kabir Dhillon	Ilan Haas	Lucas Yang
Jonathan Gordon	David Kuang	Evelyn Zhang

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMMENDED STUDENTS

Vidula Jambunath	Alexia Roush	Benjamin Vidmar-McEwen
Michael Karpov	John Shi	Tory Yang
Moonhee Kim		

HONORS DIPLOMA

Hiba Ali	Isabel Garcia-Molina	David Kuang	Madison Rosenblitt	William Uvlin
Alice Anastos	Rebecca Gips	Melanie Lee	Joshua Rosenfeld	Maya Velazquez
Roni Avitan	Jonathan Gordon	Abigail Lewis	Romiya Roth	Benjamin Vidmar-McEwen
Alexandra Bergman	Jacob Greene	Ingrid Maier	Rafael Rubeck	Samuel Warner
Matthew Blumenthal	Ilan Haas	Sanket Makkar	Allison Saghir	Claire Weaver
Sydney Burkons	Nicholas Harmer	Ellie Mayers	Noah Saidel	Christian Wu
Tyler Celleghin	Vidula Jambunath	Jake Muencz	John Shi	Grace Yan
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Amelie Cotta	Michael Karpov	Ilya Nikitin	Anwar Sossey Alaoui	Tory Yang
Kabir Dhillon	Noy Keren	William Owens	Shari Spiegel	Bowen Zhang
Ran Duan	Moonhee Kim	Alex Park	Noah Tannenbaum	Evelyn Zhang
Kobi Einhorn	Zachary Kornspan	Gregory Perryman	Ivan Thal	Zilin Zhang
Maya Gabay				

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SENIORS

Hiba Ali	Isabel Garcia-Molina	Alyssa Murphy	Noah Saidel	Christian Wu
Alice Anastos	Rebecca Gips	Ilya Nikitin	John Shi	Grace Yan
Alexandra Bergman	Vidula Jambunath	William Owens	Lea Sokol	Lucas Yang
Matthew Blumenthal	Michael Karpov	Gregory Perryman	Anwar Sossey Alaoui	Tory Yang
Sydney Burkons	Moonhee Kim	Shivani Rajgopal	Shari Spiegel	Bowen Zhang
Abigail Cherian	David Kuang	Madison Rosenblitt	Ivan Thal	Evelyn Zhang
Amelie Cotta	Abigail Lewis	Romiya Roth	Maya Velazquez	
Ran Duan	Ellie Mayers	Rafael Rubeck	Claire Weaver	
Kobi Einhorn				

MAC SCHOLARS INDUCTEES

Hiba Ali	Aaliyah Edwards	Halle Richardson
Brooklyn Bennett	Gregory Perryman	William Owens

NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY

Sydney Burkons	Dylan Kay	Gregory Perryman	Avery Solomon
Miranda Desatnik	Zachary Kornspan	Madison Rosenblitt	Ivan Thal
Isabel Garcia-Molina	Jake Muencz	Anton Sakhanovych	Daniel Uria
Rebecca Gips	Samuel Ornstein	Rylie Sharp	

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

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

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR



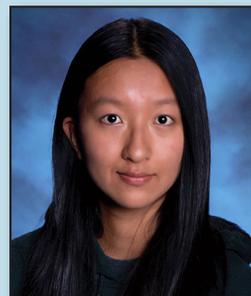
Evelyn Zhang

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

Foundation Scholarships by High School Department



Michael Karpov
English



Evelyn Zhang
Mathematics



Moonhee Kim
Performing Arts



Ellie Mayers
Science



Gregory Perryman
Social Studies



Jack Solomon
Technology



Lucas Yang
Visual Arts



Rebecca Gips
World Language

Sydney Truong
Career and Technical
Education
(not pictured)



The Beachwood Schools Foundation

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 2022



Anwar Sossey Alaoui



Hiba Ali



Alice Anastos



Brooklyn Bennett



Sydney Burkons



Amelie Cotta



Miranda Desatnik



Ran Duan



Aaliyah Edwards



Rebecca Gips



Jonathan Gordon



Vidula Jambunath



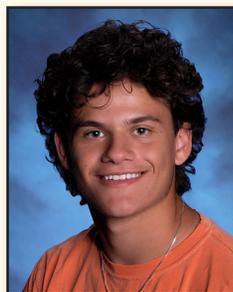
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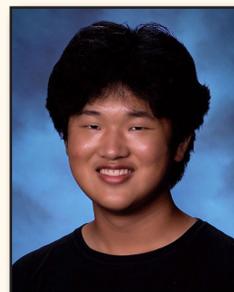
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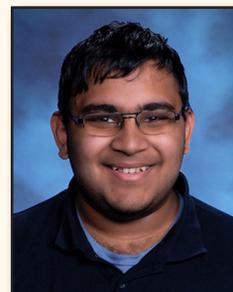
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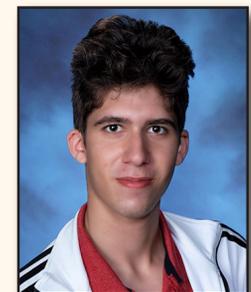
David Kuang



Sanket Makkar



Makenzie Nance



Ilya Nikitin



Sam Ornstein



William Owens



Gregory Perryman



Drew Riley



Madison Rosenblitt

Scholarships and Awards

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.



Rylie Sharp



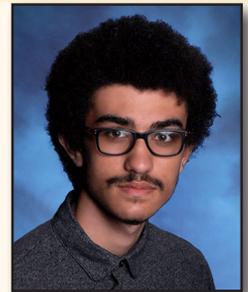
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Alan Travis



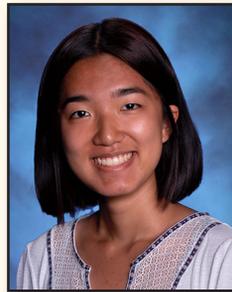
Xander Walker



Claire Weaver



Grace Yan



Bowen Zhang

THE GINA MICHELLE AGIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Recipient: Abigail Cherian

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: Hiba Ali

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 Beachwood High School graduating senior who exhibits leadership, humanity and a generous spirit in a humble manner.

THE ABBY BENDIS SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Aaliyah Edwards

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

THE BEACHWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Sydney Burkons

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

THE BEACHWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HARLAN DIAMOND CULINARY ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Seth Peterson (not pictured)

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

THE BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY PTO GARAGE SALE SCHOLARSHIP

Recipients: Miranda Desatnik, Vidula Jambunath, Makenzie Nance, Ilya Nikitin, Sam Ornstein, Gregory Perryman, Drew Riley, Anwar Sossey Alaoui, Xander Walker, Grace Yan

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: Avery Solomon

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: Amelie Cotta and Zachary Kornspan

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

THE CLEVELAND CLINIC HEALTH CARE SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Claire Weaver

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

THE DAVE AND JANICE BLOOM SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: William Owens

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: Alice Anastos

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: Alan Travis

The Fred and Carla Crosby Scholarship was established in 2017 and created in memory of Fred and Carla Crosby, both committed members of the community and supporters of The Beachwood Schools, as well as education in general. The scholarship is awarded annually to 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 Beachwood Schools Foundation Scholarships and Awards cont.

THE HARVEY FRIEDMAN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Alice Anastos

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

Recipients: Brooklyn Bennett, Amelie Cotta, Anwar Sossey Alaoui, Ivan Thal

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

THE ARTHUR GUGICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Jonathan Gordon

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: Ran Duan

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

Recipient: Rebecca Gips and David Kuang

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: Michael Karpov

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: Gergory Perryman

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: political science, government, and public service.

THE JILL DOBRIN MENACHEM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Rylie Sharp

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: Molly Markowitz

Mr. and 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: Hiba Ali

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

Recipient: Moonhee Kim

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: Madison Rosenblitt

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

Recipients: Sanket Makkar, Avery Solomon, Grace Yan, Bowen Zhang

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: visionary thinking, entrepreneurial spirit, and 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

Recipient: Vidula Jambunath

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: Jonah Kaminsky

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.

EXCEL TECC AWARDS

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SILVER MEDAL - LANDSCAPE OLYMPICS/ WOODY PLANT IDENTIFICATION

Recipient: Graham Cruz

EXCEL TECC DEPARTMENTAL SENIOR AWARD - ALLIED HEALTH

Recipient: Makenzie Nance

SENIOR DEPARTMENTAL AWARD - MARKETING

Recipient: Gregory Perryman

OUTSTANDING SENIOR - MARKETING

Recipient: Avery Solomon

SENIOR DEPARTMENTAL AWARD - COSMETOLOGY

Recipient: Brianna Ware



AWARDS

RANDY S. BOROFF BISON AWARD

Recipients: **Madison Rosenblitt and Zachary Kornspan**

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

GAIL BREWSTER JCWA AWARD

Recipient: **Gregory Perryman**

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

OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE INTROSPECT

Recipients: **David Kuang and Rebecca Gips**

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE BEACHCOMBER

Recipients: **Hiba Ali and Claire Weaver**

STUDENT COUNCIL SPIRIT AWARD

Recipient: **Gregory Perryman**

CLEVELAND TECHNICAL SOCIETY - SENIOR

Recipient: **Ilan Haas**

Outstanding Senior in Science and Math

OMEA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST ORCHESTRA STUDENTS

Recipients: **Alice Anastos, Rebecca Gips, Lucas Yang, John Shi, Christian Wu, Zachary Harmer, Nicholas Harmer, Tory Yang, Ilya Nikitin**

OMEA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST BAND STUDENTS

Recipient: **David Kuang**

OUTSTANDING BAND MEMBER

Recipient: **Ian Ward**

OUTSTANDING CHOIR MEMBER

Recipient: **Alexia Roush**

FRIENDS OF BEACHWOOD ORCHESTRA

Recipient: **Lucas Yang**

SEMPER FIDELIS AWARD FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Recipient: **David Kuang**

ARCHIE GRIFFIN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Recipients: **Gregory Perryman and Aaliyah Edwards**

This award is to recognize students who display exemplary sportsmanship.

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION COURAGEOUS STUDENT AWARD

Recipients: **Alex Park and Allison Saghir**

This award is intended to bring credit to very special students who have been involved in, or supportive of, the interscholastic athletic program and who deserve recognition for courage.

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

Recipients: **Lucas Yang and Amelie Cotta**

This award is given to one male and one female student who has the highest scholastic average at the end of the first semester of 12th grade and has received a minimum of four varsity letters.

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Recipients: **Matthew Blumenthal and Ingrid Maier**

This award is presented to one male and one female student who has exhibited qualities that embody good citizenship, good moral character, and good sporting behavior.

CHAGRIN VALLEY CONFERENCE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Recipients: **Gregory Perryman and Aaliyah Edwards**

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR SPORTSMANSHIP - ETHICS AND INTEGRITY

Recipient: **James Greenwood, Head Wrestling Coach**

COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

BARBARA NANCY HOLSTEIN MEMORIAL AWARD

Recipients: **Kabir Dhillon and Maya Gabay**

SYNTHOMER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: **Nyla Koonce**

PARKER HANNIFIN SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: **Shivani Rajgopal**

FRIENDS OF THE BEACHWOOD LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP

Recipients:

1st Place: Bowen Zhang

2nd Place: Ellie Mayers

3rd Place: Shivani Rajgopal

MICHAEL FRIEDMAN'S BUCKEYE AUTO LEASE SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: **Dekel Golan**

BEACHWOOD BAND AND DRILL TEAM BOOSTERS

Recipient: **David Kuang**

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: **Madison Rosenblitt**

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: **Sydney Burkons, Abigail Cherian, Zack Harmer, Vidula Jambunath, David Kuang, Gregory Perryman, Madison Rosenblitt, Allison Saghir, Anwar Sossey Alaoui, Bowen Zhang**

Each year the PTO awards \$500 scholarships to deserving Juniors.

KEITH BANKHEAD MEMORIAL AWARD

Recipient: **Anthony Bland**

This award is presented to students who have excelled in the sport of basketball.

WENDELL DAVID HAYNES MEMORIAL AWARD

Recipient: **Vidula Jambunath**

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

AVI FOODSYSTEMS SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: **Alice Anastos**

This award is presented to students who work hard to maximize his or her talent while making substantial contributions to better the community.

MEDICAL MUTUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: **Ilya Nikitin**

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Finalist: **Gregory Perryman**

The MVS scholarship is open to high school seniors who are U.S. citizens. The 500 four-year scholarships are awarded based on academics, service, leadership and financial need.

BEACHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2022

NAME	COLLEGE
Hiba Ali	Case Western Reserve University
Alice Anastos	Bowling Green State University
Roni Avitan	Israeli Defense Force
Brooklyn Bennett	Tennessee State University
Joseph Berenholz	Undecided
Alexandra Bergman	Denison University
Grant Bernstein	Cleveland State University
Anthony Bland	Georgia State University
Matthew Blumenthal	The Ohio State University
Christopher Boston	Undecided
Christian Bowling	Undecided
Eliot Brown	Cornerstone University
Sarah Brown	Cleveland State University
Sydney Burkons	Indiana University
Amy Byron	Ohio University
Eleonora Cafarelli	Undecided
Kevin Carpenter	University of Dayton
Tyler Celleghin	The Ohio State University
Abigail Cherian	Washington Universty in St. Louis
Dustin Chizek	Work Force
Kaili Clark	Bowling Green State University
Ari Cohen	Yeshivat Ashreinu
Gabriel Connor	Cuyahoga Community College
Amelie Cotta	University of Pennsylvania
William Creel	Undecided
James Crosby	The Ohio State University- Newark
Graham Cruz	Undecided
Madeline Cummings	The Ohio State University
Miranda Desatnik	The Ohio State University
Nyla Koonce	Kent State University
Zachary Kornspan	The Ohio State University
David Kuang	Columbia University
Zeiah Lawniczak	Savannah College of Art and Design
Edmond Lee	Career Program
Melanie Lee	Cuyahoga Community College
Ilay Lev	Gap Year
Abigail Lewis	The Ohio State University
Ethan Luxenburg	University of Cincinnati

NAME	COLLEGE
Ingrid Maier	Gap Year
Sanket Makkar	Case Western Reserve University
Brendan Malek	University of Cincinnati
Molly Markowitz	Gap Year
Klea Marku	Cleveland State University
Ellie Mayers	University of Pennsylvania
Jacob Michelow	Undecided
Debonaire Mitchell	Bowling Green State University
Jake Muencz	Miami University
Alyssa Murphy	Case Western Reserve University
Makenzie Nance	Cleveland State University
Ilya Nikitin	The Ohio State University
Talia Novikov	Kent State University
Ehima Ogor	Cleveland State University
Samuel Ornstein	University of Cincinnati
William Owens	Indiana Institute of Technology
Jacob Papcum	Undecided
Alex Park	Purdue University
Riley Parke	Cleveland State University
Kayla Pearlmutter	Cuyahoga Community College
Kabir Dhillon	The Ohio State University
Ran Duan	Washington University in St. Louis
Aaliyah Edwards	Ohio University
Kobi Einhorn	University of Pittsburgh
Noah Epstein	Miami University
Shaindel Farmer	Undecided
Maya Gabay	University of Cincinnati
Isabel Garcia-Molina	Florida International University
Rebecca Gips	University of Pittsburgh
Dekel Golan	University of Cincinnati
Alana Goldschmidt	John Carroll University
Jonathan Gordon	Bowdoin College
Jacob Greene	Kent State University
Ilan Haas	Muhlenberg College
Nadia Hall	University of Cincinnati
Nicholas Harmer	The Ohio State University
Zachary Harmer	Gap Year
Isaac Hartstone	Career Program

Senior Decisions

NAME	COLLEGE
Dynasty Hawkins	Cleveland State University
Ta'na'ija Heard	Career Program
Benjamin Herron	Undecided
Jacob Howard	Kent State University
Yehonatan Hyer	Ohio University
Vidula Jambunath	The Ohio State University
Jonah Kaminsky	Syracuse University
Michael Karpov	University of Virginia
Dylan Kay	Miami University
Noy Keren	The Ohio State University
Moonhee Kim	Brown University
Gregory Perryman	University of Virginia
Jack Petti	Miami University
Benjamin Pham	Undecided
Yonadav Ptahia	Yeshiva University- Oryata Gap Year
Shivani Rajgopal	The Ohio State University
Nathaniel Reese	Bowling Green State University
Halle Richardson	Bowling Green State University
Shannon Richardson	University of Cincinnati
Drew Riley	Miami University
Madison Rosenblitt	Indiana University
Joshua Rosenfeld	University of Cincinnati
Romiya Roth	The Ohio State University
Alexia Roush	Kent State University
Gabriella Rovner	Cleveland State University
Rafael Ruback	Case Western Reserve University
Allison Saghir	The Ohio State University
Noah Saidel	The Ohio State University
Anton Sakhanovych	Polish-Japanese Academy of Information Technology
Cole Schecter	Undecided
Rebecca Shapiro	Binghamton University
Rylie Sharp	Ohio University
John Shi	Case Western Reserve University
Lea Sokol	The Ohio State University
Avery Solomon	The Ohio State University- Newark
Jack Solomon	Trade School- Commercial Plumbing/ HVAC
Anwar Sossey Alaoui	The Ohio State University

NAME	COLLEGE
Shari Spiegel	The Ohio State University
Devaughn Starks	The Ohio State University- Newark
Alyssa Strong	Miami University
Lavon Swaby	University of Pittsburgh
Omer Taib	Bowling Green State University
Noah Tannenbaum	University of Cincinnati
Clay Tepper	Ohio University
Ivan Thal	The Ohio State University
Hameed Thornton	University of Toledo
Alan Travis	University of Cincinnati
Daniel Uria	Miami University
William Uvlin	The Ohio State University
Maya Velazquez	George Washington University
Benjamin Vidmar-McEwen	The Ohio State University
Xander Walker	Wright State University
Ian Ward	Undecided
Brianna Ware	Undecided
Samuel Warner	Florida Institute of Technology
D'von Weary	Undecided
Claire Weaver	University of Illinois at Chicago
Grant Wessler	Capital University
Megan Wooley	University of Cincinnati
Christian Wu	Northeastern University
Leah Yakubov	Ohio University
Grace Yan	The Ohio State University
Lucas Yang	Case Western Reserve University
Tory Yang	Undecided
Shane Young	University of Cincinnati
Bowen Zhang	University of California-Los Angeles
Evelyn Zhang	Vanderbilt University
Zilin Zhang	University of Washington, Seattle



The Porch Sitting Revival

By Ellen Wohl

I have always loved hanging out on the front porch. This probably dates back to when I was a little kid. From my pre-school perspective, our house, across the street from a city park, had an enormous front porch. Big enough to build tents, sleep outside on a hot summer night, and entertain a child's imagination. I loved dangling my feet from the porch swing and watching the world go by. There was no air-conditioning back then, so my family spent many a hot, humid evening on the porch, hoping for a hint of a breeze.

At my home in Beachwood, I'm one of the few on Campus Road who can still enjoy the solitude and social life unique to the front porch. Any lazy summer morning, I'm out there with a mug of hot coffee, lounging on the wicker couch. In the evening, it's a glass of chilled Sauvignon Blanc.

For a change of scenery, my husband brings his word search puzzle book outdoors while I curl up with a good mystery. We encourage our grandchildren to appreciate rainstorms rolling in. There's something exhilarating about smelling the rain just before it arrives, hearing the thunder, watching the downpour, and sometimes

feeling the gentle spray of a summer shower.

Our neighbors know that they have an open invitation to stop and visit. We talk to everyone and find out what's happening on our street. It's fun to see kids playing outdoors and growing up before our eyes. There is camaraderie, friendship, and a sense of belonging to the community.

On my daily walk up and down Beachwood's side streets, I notice a revitalization of the front porch. While some sit unused, there's evidence of more and more residents enjoying the comforts of the space just outside their front door. When summer begins, Marlene

immediately decorates her front porch on Duffield Road with hanging and potted plants. No longer obsolete due to the addition of air conditioning, the front porch is finding new life, thanks in part to the age of social distancing.

Penny's front porch on Brentwood Road became her oasis during the pandemic. She made the most of it with a few chairs and a little table. It's big enough to have a few friends over for a socially distanced, outdoor visit. Penny loves it when people stop by to sit and schmooze. "Even though I have a back porch, I love being out front," she said. "I can watch people walking up and down

the street. They wave, I wave, and I feel connected to my neighborhood."

On my daily walk up and down Beachwood's side streets, I notice a revitalization of the front porch.

"We weren't looking for a porch, but it is definitely a bonus," says Mollie of her home on Wimbledon. Her husband, Ricky, adds, "When we first moved in, it was buried behind overgrown bushes and ground cover. Once we unearthed it, the porch became a welcoming



Mollie, Ricky, and their children, on Wimbledon Road; and Penny and her dog, Lily, on Brentwood Road.

space to be outside." The best part is that it becomes an extension of their house. Ricky, who grew up having a front porch, appreciates "getting away from our four walls without leaving home." Besides watching lightning storms, they can oversee the kids as they play or "heckle" the neighbors as they walk their dogs. "It's easy to say, 'Hi, how 'ya doing?'"

Mollie and Ricky's brick patio, also in the front, is mainly for relaxing with neighbors and friends, often enjoying cocktails around the fire pit. "But," Mollie says, "the front porch is for quiet time and watching the neighborhood. It's a good seat for all the action!" And seeing fireflies light up the yard at night never gets old.

A recent *Wall Street Journal* article reports that about 65% of new American homes are built with a front porch, up from 42% twenty-five ago. Builders are fielding requests, possibly due to emotional ties to a simpler time. Reminiscent of the early 1800s, with the pastime of sitting out on the stoop, families naturally gravitate to the front yard.

Professional Porch Sitters Union Local 1339, a tongue-in-cheek group, was created in

Kentucky in 1999. Its founder, Claude Stephens, describes the porch as "a magical place where you are transported to a better state of mind, and memories are born. It's the only place where you can feel like you are outside and inside at the same time; out with all of the neighbors and alone reading a book."

Porch sitting is a lost art that can be revived even without a physical structure. Jan transformed the concrete entrance to her home on Hurlingham Road into a front porch. With chairs, a table, some decorations, and flowers, she created a cozy retreat where she loves to relax.

By setting up Adirondack or lawn chairs and a little table in the driveway or on the grass, homeowners can "set a spell" as folks did "back in the day."

Take indoor activities outdoors. When kids want a snack, send them outdoors to eat it. Catch up on long-overdue phone calls with friends. Do a crossword puzzle. Have a cold drink. Start an after-dinner ritual of taking time to relax outdoors. Or just do nothing but enjoy the fresh air. When temperatures cool down in the fall, a few blankets and a space heater extend the pleasure of porch-sitting season.



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In honor of the Cuyahoga County Public Library's 100th Year Anniversary, the July StoryWalk is, "How to Have a Birthday," by Mary Lyn Ray, illustrated by Cindy Derby. Joyful and utterly unique, this vibrant picture book celebrates the best birthday gift of all: a whole day that is yours to unwrap.

The StoryWalk® Project was originally created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT,

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Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry Appreciates Its Volunteers

More than 70 people attended the Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry Volunteer Appreciation Celebration last month at the Waxman Chabad Center in Beachwood. Volunteer food packers and deliverers were recognized and honored with speeches and certificates.

"We couldn't provide food to over 5,000 people every month without our incredible volunteers," stated Tamara Witkes, pantry director. "Our volunteers show up week after week, eager to help pack and distribute bags of nutritious food, while making wonderful connections with other volunteers and grateful food recipients."



Herb Resnick was named the Rivka Goldstein Volunteer of the Year. The award, named for the former Beachwood resident who served as the previous managing director of the Kosher Food Pantry, is presented to a volunteer who has gone above and beyond while volunteering for the organization. Herb was lauded for his dedicated efforts at KFP's weekly drive-thru pick-ups where he warmly greets families and passes out special sweets to children.

Following a humorous show-and-tell acceptance speech, Herb reiterated, "I love doing what I do to help the Kosher Food Pantry. It's very fulfilling to be there every week to give

out food and hand out treats to the children. Facing food insecurity can't be easy – I'm always glad to share a smile and get smiles right back."

Devorah Alevsky, director, said, "The Kosher Food Pantry fills a unique role in our community as we provide both physical and spiritual nourishment to those in need. Along with regular food distributions, we include

traditional holiday items, such as challah, honey, latkes, Chanukah candles, matzah, and the like. This helps assure the continuation of our Jewish heritage, which is so important."

The Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry, a partner agency of both the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and the Hunger Network, is one of the busiest food-relief facilities in Northeast Ohio. Weekly drive-thru distributions of food assist approximately 250 area families, while volunteers deliver food bi-monthly to about 1,500 senior citizens in 10 low-income apartment buildings.

Tax-deductible donations to support the Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry may be sent to 2004 S. Green Rd., South Euclid, Ohio, 44121. Donations are also accepted online at kosherfb.org.

The Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry was established over 40 years ago by Devorah's parents, Rabbi and Mrs. Zalman Kazen, as part of their efforts to help Russian Jews settle in Cleveland through the Semach Sedek Russian Immigrant Aid Society (RIAS). The Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry Advisory Board is co-chaired by Muriel Weber and Chuck Whitehill.



Honoree Herb Resnick; Beachwood residents Marcia Arons, Helayne Loeb, Pearlana Bodzin, and Rene Barat-Gordon celebrate with former resident Rivka Goldstein and Meryl Kaplan of University Heights. Photo credits: Mariana Edelman Photography & Design

Book Launch!

Beachwood Community Center
Wednesday, July 20 • 7-9 pm

Come celebrate the book launch of *The Navajo Event*, by Beachwood author Rick Fishman. His suspenseful second novel, a short, humorous, fast-paced thriller of just 139 pages, with 15 photo illustrations, is a quick read for adults and young adults that offers a whirlwind of twists and turns.



Rick always had a passion for writing. In the 1980s, he wrote his first book, *Sandlot Summit*, a children's baseball comedy, was inspired by all of the crazy things he witnessed when he coached Little League in Lyndhurst.

The Navajo Event is based on the true story of Rick's own daughter, Katie, who is a graduate of Beachwood High School, taking a tragic event and turning it into a story of hope and humor. It brings together a very unusual intermingling of Christian, Jewish, and Navajo cultures, and builds to an exciting climax that is measurable on the Richter scale (but it's not an earthquake.)

It's about a young couple caught in an apartment fire, and their only means of escape is leaping out of a second-story window. Unfortunately, the husband does not survive. The woman, Carli, undergoes surgery for severe burns and a broken spine, with a long recovery ahead. But when a medicine man performs a Navajo healing ceremony, Carli's skin miraculously becomes healthy again. And even more surprising, her spinal hardware vanishes! Worldwide debate

ensues, and even the pope weighs in. Is it a miracle, or a monstrous hoax to get rich and cover up the murder of her husband?

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Rick paused, then added "I like to write and make people laugh. That's why I inject humor into my stories, and that's why I'm charging just \$1 for this event. I don't do this to make money; I do it to entertain readers. I'm having fun."

Reservations are requested before July 19. Please call Beachwood Community Services at 216.292.1911 to reserve your spot.



More than 1,000 kids and their parents attended the Family Kindness Festival that recently took place at Beachwood High School. The festival, presented by Senders Pediatrics and Beachwood City Schools, included 30 organizations, 29 entrepreneurial teens, and

19 area schools that came together to celebrate the importance of kindness. It was designed to inspire students (and their parents) to see that no act of kindness is too small, and that individual acts of kindness add up and can have a big, meaningful

impact on friends, classmates, and our communities. Attendees walked away motivated to have fun, do good, and be kind!



Top: Joan Morgenstern, Senders Pediatrics parent educator and coach, Superintendent Robert Hardis, and Dr. Shelly Senders proudly sponsor the Family Kindness Festival.

Eliana Zuchowski, 5, is all smiles at the Family Kindness Festival.

Clockwise from top right: Robert, Elo, Harleigh, Memphis, and Charisma Mercer spread kindness.

Clockwise from top right: Avital, Nava, Elisheva, Ariel, and Yaakov Mintz also enjoy spreading kindness!

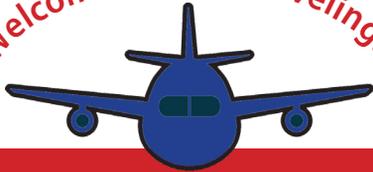
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The Jewish Federation of Cleveland and Jewish Community Board of Akron, in coordination with the research team of NORC at the University of Chicago and the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University, will launch a study of the area's Jewish population this month. This study's findings will be used to inform the long-term planning for the Jewish communities throughout the region over the next decade and beyond – from addressing mental health issues to confronting antisemitism, and much more.

“Every 10 years or so, the Federation conducts an independent examination of the local Jewish community to gain additional insight into the underlying factors that are effecting how people live Jewishly today and influence future needs,” said Kim Pesses, chair of the Federation's Population Study Committee. “The population study provides us with invaluable data on the composition, trends, and potential needs across our diverse community.”

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Researchers will collect and analyze information collected from approximately 1,500 survey interviews. The study is expected to be released in January 2023.

For more information, contact Ellen Miller at emiller@jewishcleveland.org or Matt Boxer at mboxer@brandeis.edu.

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