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# Letter from THE EDITOR

By Debby Zelman Rapoport

**W**hen was the last time you got a good dose of Vitamin N, which is essentially a prescription for more time in nature? For some of us, experiencing the natural world is part of everyday life. For others, being outdoors is simply a means of getting from one place to another.

Spending time outdoors is beneficial for both physical and mental wellbeing. I love starting my day by watching the sun rise. This is especially enjoyable when I'm in a water or mountain setting – and exceptionally beautiful when light bounces off the clouds. There's something magical about starting the day during this quiet hour. It establishes a sense of clarity and calm, makes me feel grounded, and helps put things in perspective. Plus, being outdoors in the morning sets my circadian rhythm, which is beneficial for better sleep.

Journalist and author Richard Louv coined the term Vitamin N, which is also the title of one of his books. He is also co-founder and chair emeritus of the Children and Nature Network, an organization that's building a movement to connect today's children and future generations to the natural world.

Richard shares:

- The more high-tech our lives become, the more nature we need.

- Humans are hard-wired to love and need exposure to the natural world.
- Nature brings our senses alive.
- Nature heals.
- Nature can reduce depression and improve psychological well-being.
- Nature builds community bonds.
- Nature bonds families and friends.

Richard also coined the term Nature Deficit Disorder. In his 2005 book, *Last Child in the Woods*, he documents that results of nearly 1,000 studies point in one direction: Nature is not only nice to have, but it's a have-to-have for physical health and cognitive functioning.

Overall, nature improves our mood, lowers stress, boosts our immune system, spurs creativity, lowers blood pressure, helps us make better eating choices, helps us feel more relaxed, improves physical health, increases energy, makes us happier, encourages us to be more active, improves sleep, and reduces loneliness.

The Children and Nature Network's vision is a world in which children have access to the benefits of nature everywhere they live, learn, and play. A few interesting facts I found on its website, [www.childrenandnature.org](http://www.childrenandnature.org), are:

- Even before birth, nature exposure for mothers can promote better fetal growth and healthier birthrates, especially for mothers of lower education and socio-economic levels.
- Time spent outdoors in bright sunlight can reduce nearsightedness.
- Access to parks and green space can foster increased physical activity, reduce risk of obesity, and enhance the likelihood that children will remain active into adolescence.
- Learning in nature can support improved relationship skills as well as reduced stress, anger, and aggression.

It's easy to slow down, observe, and bond with nature: Take a walk,

pack a picnic, plant a garden, feed the birds, relax on the porch, walk your dog, go hiking, chat with a neighbor, play with your children or grandchildren, or gaze at the stars. Opportunities are endless.

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When you can't get outside, enjoy the benefits of bringing nature to you: Open the windows, look outside frequently, listen to the birds, and appreciate the sky, clouds, sunshine, flowers, and trees.

You may also want to watch the sun rise. It's a great way to start your day!



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City of Beachwood 30-plus year employees with Mayor Justin Berns, *pictured from top right*: Chris Arrietta, Jodi Edmonson, Tina Turick, Tony Aveni, Mayor Berns, Erik Bowen, James Schilling, Steve Holtzman, and Greg Mars. *Not pictured*: Annette Patterson and Lacey Neville.

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Effective March 1, 2023, the City of Beachwood began utilizing a visitor management system. **Visitors must have identification** to enter city hall during business hours. There is a scanner in the public vestibule that will be used to scan IDs before entry.

After numerous conversations with administration, council members, and directors concerning security in City Hall, a collaborative effort was made to enhance security measures at a reasonable cost without increasing staffing levels in City Hall. The city is always looking for ways to enhance our security measures within the City of

Beachwood effectively and efficiently.

There is also a process for anyone wishing to make anonymous public record requests in person. A folder is hung on the wall with instructions of how to submit an anonymous request.

If someone who is not making an anonymous public record request demands to enter the building without an ID, the Police Department will be called.

This policy does not pertain to City Council or other after-hour meetings.

Visitors can still enter the Police Department and Community Center without utilizing the system.



## Beachwood Schools Preschool & Kindergarten Registration

Registration is open for preschool and kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year. To register your child for preschool at the Fairmount Early Childhood Learning Center, please visit [www.beachwoodschoools.org/PreschoolRegistration.aspx](http://www.beachwoodschoools.org/PreschoolRegistration.aspx).

Children need to turn the age for the class/group you are registering for by September 30, 2023. For more information, please contact director Karen Leeds at 216.464.2600, ext. 2101.

Families with a child entering kindergarten in the 2023-2024 school year should visit [www.beachwoodschoools.org/NewKindergarten.aspx](http://www.beachwoodschoools.org/NewKindergarten.aspx) to complete the registration form. A kindergarten parent orientation is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 4 to 5 p.m., at Bryden Elementary.

For questions about registering for kindergarten, please contact district registrar Grace Perryman at [gperryman@beachwoodschoools.org](mailto:gperryman@beachwoodschoools.org) or 216.464.2600, ext. 2107.

The Fairmount Early Childhood Learning Center is a private 5-Star Step Up to Quality preschool offering a full school year calendar and a summer preschool camp. Fairmount is open to Beachwood residents and non-residents. Learn about the child-centered curriculum at: [www.beachwoodschoools.org/Fairmount.aspx](http://www.beachwoodschoools.org/Fairmount.aspx).

## Beachwood Hometown Heroes Program

*Accepting nominations through Friday, April 7!*

The Beachwood Historical Society and City of Beachwood are once again collaborating to celebrate Hometown Heroes in 2023. The annual program celebrates up to a dozen of the city's most impactful residents and working professionals who are making a positive difference. Hometown Heroes are selected through a nomination process that is currently available at [BeachwoodOhio.com/HeroNominations](http://BeachwoodOhio.com/HeroNominations) through Friday, April 7.



2022 Hometown Heroes: Lisa Berns, Dan Cicchella, Kelly Debeljak, Therese Ferritto, Steve Holtzman, Dr. N. Scott Howard, Lori Joyner, Greg Liggett, Riley Parke, and Stacey L. Wright.

A successful nominee actively displays the following criteria in their everyday life:

- Must be a Beachwood resident or individual who works in the city
- Makes a positive impact on the city
- Helps improve the city and society
- Shows dedication to helping others
- Displays courage, care, and concern
- Contributions and accomplishments have enhanced Beachwood

Heroes will be celebrated with a special ceremony at the Hometown Heroes garden display in Beachwood's City Park West on Shaker Boulevard. The ceremony is Wednesday, May 10. For more information, call Beachwood Community Services at 216.292.1970.



# City of Beachwood

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Thirty-plus year Beachwood employees with Mayor Justin Berns, pictured from left: Jodi Edmonson, Erik Bowen, Mayor Berns, Steve Holtzman, Greg Mars, James Schilling, Tony Aveni, Tina Turick, and Chris Arrietta. Not pictured: Annette Patterson and Lacey Neville.

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Part of Beachwood's success is attributed to staff longevity. Employees stay because Beachwood is a great place to work. Approximately 75% of the permanent staff, 191 employees, have worked for the city for 5 or more years.

"I'm extremely grateful for our devoted staff," said Mayor Berns. "It's because of their hard work and dedication that we benefit from all the city has to offer."

With gratitude, the city held a recognition event on January 12 at the Beachwood Truck Park. The catered event recognized employees who have served the city for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years, and thanked all employees for their contributions to Beachwood. Individuals who attended are pictured below.

"Operating a city is unlike many other commercial enterprises because many of our departments function on a 24/7 basis or are on call. Plus, holidays are working days for many of us," said Mayor Berns. "This points to the obvious, but nonetheless critical aspect to operating a city: We are always here proudly serving you, the residents and businesses."

The 2023 State of the City report shares information about tax dollars, financial distinctions, upgraded technology, department highlights, recognitions by outside governing bodies, various statistics, and what's coming later this year.

"Again, with gratitude, I credit staff for our ability to successfully move forward," Mayor Berns reiterated. "We continue to be fiscally responsible with a goal of making good, efficient use of our tax dollars to provide quality services. I encourage you read the 2023 State of the City report and come away reassured that you made a great choice to locate your home or business in Beachwood. And when you communicate with employees, please be sure to thank them."

## STATE OF THE CITY

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# We reached out to 25-plus-year employees, and here's what they said ...

“ **Anthony Aveni** (35 years)

I accepted a position in Beachwood because I heard it was a wonderful place to work, with job security and the potential to stay until retirement. My highpoint was being moved to the sign shop. I've made almost every sign in Beachwood and I take great pride in my job. A job is never done until it is done correctly!

**Chris Arrietta** (33 years)

Beachwood has always been a growing city full of opportunities. Highlights have been playing a small role in such an outstanding department and completing projects that benefit this excellent community. It's truly been an honor to work alongside countless dedicated members of public works, under four incredible mayors.

**Jodi Edmonson** (30 years)

I've always enjoyed my job security. After a few years of working part-time in Public Works, I was hired full time and then returned to Public Works in 2020. My father, the late Al Holmbert, taught me to “roll with the punches,” and the late Joe Arrietta used to say, “Make it happen, Holmberg.”

”  
**Rob Acker** (33 years)

Job stability and the security of working for a local government have been key. A highlight was being promoted to crew lead.

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**Charles Durand**  
(28 years)

I started working in Beachwood for the income, which allowed me to purchase my home. I'm eternally grateful to all the people I've met and friends I've made along the way.

**Tina Turick** (34 years)

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I am honored and privileged to serve the City of Beachwood and am blessed to work alongside the best senior management team. Our team is cohesive, our team supports one another, and most importantly, every member of our team is here for one reason: to work alongside Mayor Berns and members of Beachwood City Council to explore new initiatives and programs that build on our solid foundation. Having served the City of Beachwood since 1988, I have worked here during nearly all my major life events since graduating high school. The City of Beachwood allowed me the opportunity to have a successful work/life balance. I was able to have it all – focusing on a successful career while balancing the needs of a growing family – and for that I am most thankful.

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**Erik Bowen** (31 years)

I built my career in Beachwood because of the work environment. Everyone is friendly, helpful, and kind. The City of Beachwood shows appreciation for its employees and is appreciative of our work. It also maintains a competitive wage and provides great opportunities. High points included being present when we transitioned into the new, modern jail and booking area in the late 80s and early 90s, and being able to move forward with new technology that impacted corrections and municipal facilities. Another highpoint was completing 31 years of service with the city – and ongoing! I’m grateful, appreciative, and honored: grateful to have worked for the city for 31 years, appreciative for how the city treats me, and honored to serve the city and its residents.

**Steve Holtzman** (30 years)

When I chose a fire service career, it was a very competitive environment and I took every test that came along. There were more than 600 people who took the entry test for Beachwood, I accepted a position, and the rest is history. In the fire service, we have our family and our fire family, with whom we trust and place our lives in the hands of every day, creating bonds like no other. When spending 24 hours together during each shift, we create memories and a closeness that you rarely find in other lines of work. As fire chief, it is an extreme honor to lead this great Fire Department and its dedicated members. Working for the Beachwood Fire Department has allowed me the opportunity to build a career where I have been able to help people in their time of need, with some of the greatest coworkers that anyone could ask for.

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**Victor McArthur**  
(27 years)

When I began work, it was for financial factors: to pay tuition and a mortgage. My most memorable high point was being appointed as assistant jail administrator. I am eternally grateful to work with the best of the best. Employees are always professional and respectful, as are the residents with whom I’ve had the pleasure of interacting.

**Michelle Miller** (27 years)

I chose a career in Beachwood because I enjoyed being part of a local government. As Rental Coordinator for 12 years, I contributed to the development of the current facility rental program. I also served as the Graphic Designer for 3 years. Now in the Public Works Department, I am grateful for all my acquired skills and the people I work with. My daily motto, “The only person you compete against is yourself. It is about taking pride in your work and being better than you were the day before.”

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**Lt. Kevin Owens** (27 years)

Beachwood’s Police Department is a well-respected agency and the opportunity to work here, along with each promotion I earned under Mayor Merle Gorden’s tenure, will always be memorable. As a 20-plus-year Beachwood resident, it is a continued high point to serve and protect my own community. I’m grateful for opportunities to serve with my fellow officers and that, through it all, I’ve remained healthy, safe, and uninjured.

“ **William Griswold** (28 years)

I accepted my position in Beachwood after working for two other municipalities because Beachwood was well known for its expertise, quality of staff, and high standards. Our Building Department was held in high regard by contractors and architects, and I wanted the challenge of working where I could grow professionally. Career highlights include: being promoted to building commissioner after my mentor, John Korinek, retired; being part of a team that was involved in important projects that include the MBNA Campus, development of the 425 acre Chagrin Highlands, which includes Eaton World Headquarters and UH Ahuja Medical Center, and multiple major apartment developments. The City of Beachwood has allowed me to grow professionally and fulfilled every career aspiration. Business owners, developers, and residents have been a pleasure to work with, and have made working here a great joy. I have been blessed to be surrounded and supported by both exceptional staff and the city throughout my career.

**Michael Anderson** (25 years)

When I began my career in Beachwood, I was recently married, finishing college, and looking to build my family. I've especially enjoyed talking out a number of barricaded subjects and instructing recruits at the police academy as they began their careers. I'm especially grateful for opportunities to assist others in crisis, which offers reflection on meaningful aspects of life.

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**Anthony Tribuzzo** (27 years)

After landing my job as a laborer, I never desired to leave because Beachwood is such a nice place to work. I was then promoted to crew lead and then to my current position as a superintendent. I feel very fortunate to have built my career in Beachwood and I thank God everyday.

**Tim Tremaglio** (26 years)

I accepted my first job in Beachwood because I desired a challenge and was given the opportunity to build an in-house construction and sewer maintenance program. I'm proud of building a very successful program and to have been the catalyst for City of Beachwood logos on all manhole covers throughout the city. I have never considered this a “job” because I enjoy what I do.

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**Mark Lopez** (26 years)

With a young and growing family, Beachwood is a great place to work. I'm grateful for my three promotions – to crew lead, superintendent, and now to my current position of assistant service director.

## 25+ Year Employees

Name	Department	Years
Annette Patterson	Public Works	39
Tony Aveni	Public Works	35
Tina Turick	Mayor's Office	34
Chris Arrietta	Public Works	33
Erik Bowen	Corrections Officer	31
Jodi Edmonson	Public Works	30
Steve Holtzman	Fire Department	30
Lacey Neville	Corrections Officer	30
Gregory Mars	Public Works	30
James Schilling	Corrections Officer	30
Timothy Kolat	Public Works	29
Charles Durand	Corrections Officer	28
William Griswold	Building Department	28
Jamey Appell	Police Officer	27
Robert Forester	Finance Department	27
John Finucan	Police Officer	27
John Korinek	Police Officer	27
Victor McArthur	Police Department	27
Michelle Miller	Public Works	27
Kevin Owens	Police Officer	27
Anthony Tribuzzo	Public Works	27
Mark Lopez	Public Works	26
Nicholas Soria	Public Works	26
Carol Morrison	Finance Department	26
Timothy Tremaglio	Public Works	26
Robert Acker	Public Works	25
Matthew Alandt	Police Officer	25
Michael Anderson	Police Officer	25
Ronald Hackleman	Public Works	25
Scott Knapp	Public Works	25
Robert Noska	Public Works	25
Harvey Rose	Finance Department	25

## PHOTOS FROM STAFF RECOGNITION EVENT



Administrative Assistant Therese Ferritto, Captain Anthony Strazzo, Lieutenant Matthew Domonkos, and Chief Steve Holtzman.



Chief of Police Katherine McLaughlin, SRO Dennis Welch, Detective Mike Acker, and Deputy Chief John Resek.

## STAFF LONGEVITY

**35 Years** – 2 Employees      **20 Years** – 39 Employees  
**30 Years** – 8 Employees      **15 Years** – 28 Employees  
**25 Years** – 22 Employees      **10 Years** – 31 Employees  
**5 Years** – 60 Employees

**Front row:** Laborer Greg Mars, Laborer Matt Powalie, Sign Shop Tony Aveni, Laborer Nick Soria, Mechanic Mark Decress, Mayor Justin Berns, Assistant Director Mark Lopez, and Laborer Doug Morton.

**Second row:** Superintendent Tim Tremaglio, Crew Leader Rob Acker, Administrative Assistant Alison Ingham-Smith, Administrative Assistant Michelle Miller, Laborer Dano Montoni, Superintendent Chris Vild, and Laborer Rob Noska.

**Third row:** Arborist Matt Markiewicz, Laborer Anthony Kinney, Laborer Bruce Williams, Laborer Mat Atkinson, Superintendent Mike Rider, Laborer Jason Rolf, and Laborer Ron Hackleman.





Building Inspector Traci Bonvenuto, Program Coordinator Veronica Muth, and Assistant Building Commissioner Mark Patterson.



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Community Services Director Derek Schroeder, Program Manager Susan Gordon-Merdler, Community Center Building Supervisor Howard Oliver, Senior Van Driver Phil Stoner, Senior Transportation Shelly Drenski, Program Manager Frank Vicchiarelli, Janitor Darnell Payne, and Program Manager Shannon Diamond.



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Finance Director Larry Heiser, IT Assistant Manager AJ Allen, Administrative Assistant Julie Jordan, Assistant Finance Director Michelle Kaplan, Purchasing Supervisor Carol Morrison, Mayor Justin Berns, and Accounting Supervisor Robert Forester.



# It's Budget Time in Columbus

by State Senator Kent Smith

**"Don't tell me what you value. Show me your budget and I'll tell you what you value."**  
– President Joe Biden.

It's budget time in Columbus. Every two years, during the first six months of odd numbered years (like 2023), the governor and the legislature hammer out the State of Ohio's billion-dollar spending plan which dictates priorities for the next two years.

The state budget cycle has multiple stages. It begins and ends with the governor, but it is mostly crafted by the legislature. The governor must submit a budget by January 31, then it goes to the Ohio House of Representatives from February through mid-to-late April. The House Finance Committee will hear testimony from administration department heads and other fiscal and policy experts as it creates its own budget, which will be voted on by the Ohio House of Representatives and then sent to the Ohio State Senate.

The Senate will also have been soliciting testimony while

the House is conducting its legislative process. The State Senate process will then last from mid-April to early June. The Senate timeline is faster because they have been engaged in testimony as long as the House. The State Senate passes its budget in early June, and it then moves to its final legislative step, the Conference Committee, which runs through June.

The Conference Committee is composed of six legislators who have been their party's experts during the budget process. These legislators reconcile differences in the House and Senate versions and create a compromised document. If passed by both the

House and the Senate, it is sent to the governor for his signature. The governor can line-item veto provisions of the budget he disagrees with, but it must be signed into law by midnight on June 30, as the state's fiscal year begins on July 1.

I share this timeline to encourage you to get involved with the process. These are your tax dollars being spent. Do Ohio's values match your own? You can contact my office to make your opinion known at 614.466.4857 or email us at [Smith@OhioSenate.gov](mailto:Smith@OhioSenate.gov).

Another president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, provided this advice to all future budget

deliberations when he said, "The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."

Whether I am a yes vote on the budget or a no will largely be determined by FDR's 1937 quote from his second inaugural address and if Ohio remembers it today.

*State Senator Kent Smith represents Ohio's 21st Senate District which includes most of the East Side suburbs of Cuyahoga County and about 33% of the City of Cleveland.*

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# Beachwood Affinity Groups

By Preeti Venkataramani

**A**s a result of changing demographics of the Beachwood Schools' student body, the Board of Education made a landmark decision to recognize three new school holidays: Lunar New Year, Eid al-Fitr, and Diwali. These holidays, which will be recognized as days off for all students and staff when they fall on a weekday, were approved during the Board of Education meeting on January 23. The revised calendar will go into effect for the 2023-24 school year.

The Lunar New Year holiday has been set for February 9, 2024; Eid al-Fitr on April 10, 2024; and Diwali will fall on a weekend.

"By providing these days on the calendars, families can celebrate without having to choose between sending their child to school or participating in a family event," stated Ken Veon, assistant superintendent.

Simultaneously, the district is encouraging the formation of affinity groups to find voices that are unheard. Specific affinity group goals include:

- To surface ideas and needs of families from various backgrounds and life experiences,
- To be a connection point for new families, and
- To collaborate with the school district to achieve a more inclusive environment for the community.

You can start or join an affinity group by visiting [www.beachwoodschoools.org/AffinityGroups.aspx](http://www.beachwoodschoools.org/AffinityGroups.aspx).

This initiative began last fall after a meeting with a group of parents from the Chinese community. The families enjoyed this opportunity to connect and became the district's first affinity group.

"Through dialogue with the Chinese affinity group, our administrative team has gained so much knowledge about how their community is experiencing our schools," stated Kevin Houchins, director of Equity & Community Engagement. "As a result, we've expanded our reach to other communities that feel unheard."

The district sought to gather input from other groups, including the Hispanic/Latino, Indian, and African American communities, and support them in forming affinity groups. This work also revealed that many affinity groups already exist informally in Beachwood's school community, including the Neurodiversity Family Network, which has been added to the roster.

Affinity groups are part of the district's equity journey, which includes the 2018 Many Cultures One Bison summit, monthly cultural recognition banners, and professional development and staff diversification initiatives led and organized by Kevin.

The groups expressed an interest in coming together and learning more about each other. Beachwood Schools hosted a formal meet-and-greet on January 18 at the high school. Various board and school

officials participated in the meeting. After an introduction to Beachwood's history, the district's administrative team rotated through all the groups. There was an open dialogue on what the school is doing well and where some additional support could be provided.

Here are some thoughts shared by group members:

Amit Bansal, who moved to Beachwood a couple of years ago and is a father of twin girls, says, "Similar to Many Cultures, One Bison, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam in the Sanskrit language means



Kevin Houchins, Director of Equity & Community Engagement

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"Through dialogue with the Chinese affinity group, our administrative team has gained so much knowledge about how their community is experiencing our schools," stated Kevin Houchins, director of Equity & Community Engagement. "As a result, we've expanded our reach to other communities that feel unheard."

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One World One Family. With multifaceted cultures, languages, and foods, India aptly captures this ethos and the Beachwood Indian Affinity Group is no different. We are an inclusive group that strives to share our rich heritage with the diverse Beachwood community. At the same time, we hope to learn about the cultures of other affinity groups, and in the process make Beachwood a more inclusive, more understanding, and a more inviting city for people of diverse backgrounds."

"The Hispanic and Latino Affinity Group is excited to work with the Beachwood School District to help foster cultural awareness and appreciation for the Hispanic and Latino members of the Beachwood community," said Alessandra Parry, who has three children, with the oldest in Bryden. "The affinity group initiative to develop cross-cultural understanding and sensitivity

of minority groups is a great step for the city of Beachwood toward modernization and becoming a diverse and vibrant place to live, learn, and work."

Vicki Sheng, a 15-year resident who loves gardening, shared, "I appreciate Beachwood Schools putting the community's needs first and doing the right thing to recognize the three holidays in the school calendar. The Beachwood Chinese American Family Affinity Group aims to provide a platform to enhance Chinese families' educational and social networking, increase the awareness of Chinese culture and celebrate its heritage and traditions, strengthen the cultural identity among Chinese American students, and collaborate with other affinity groups to increase students' global competence."

Lori Crump, the parent representative for basketball boosters with her younger son in 8th grade, shared, "I'm very happy

that the district implemented these groups. It is a place where we all realize that regardless of race and/or ethnic background we all have similar issues that need to be addressed. Here is where we have a voice and someone actively listening to make a change. Don't judge me by my skin color, hair color, body size, and outer beauty. If you do, you will miss entirely who I am."

The introduction of the holidays and affinity groups has created a lot of excitement within the community. As the groups gain traction, the district will continue to meet with them regularly to get a better understanding of how it can support their goals.

This has been a fabulous initiative by the school district and has caught the attention of neighboring school districts as well. Thank you, Beachwood Schools, for leading the way. You are truly Many Cultures, One Bison!

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You can start or join an affinity group by visiting [www.beachwoodschoo.ls.org/AffinityGroups.aspx](http://www.beachwoodschoo.ls.org/AffinityGroups.aspx).

Affinity groups, *clockwise from right*: Chinese, African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Indian.



# Friendship Circle: Every Child Deserves a Friend

Friendship Circle links volunteers, children, parents, staff, and supporters in a seamless circle of friendship that makes miracles happen every day. Friendship Circle of Cleveland is a project of Chabad.

Friendship Circle's unique approach (of matching each kid up with a teen friend) provides value to both the kids and the teen volunteers, who both benefit from their bond. Kids with developmental disabilities gain a friend who is there by choice, not a family member or a teacher. Teens learn the importance of authentic friendships, without the pressure from their typical day by day.

Everyone in this world has a unique purpose. When we focus on abilities instead of disabilities, those with special needs can be part of the strongest friendships and influence people in positive ways that others cannot. Unwavering acceptance, positive thinking, honesty, and commitment are just a few of the important lessons these individuals teach by example.

Friendship Circle exists to bring happiness and companionship to children with

developmental disabilities by celebrating their individuality, as well as bringing energy, support, and peace of mind to their families. To do this, the organization focuses on developing the values of altruism, compassion, and acceptance in their teen volunteers as they heighten community awareness and sensitivity, and encourage a sense of responsibility and involvement. This experience for teens affects them positively for the rest of their lives. People who give of themselves early in life grow to be stronger individuals.

Friendship Circle fills the universal need in all children for acceptance and friendship. Children with developmental disabilities gain the confidence they need to make the most of their abilities. Their teenage friend-makers build relationships through which all parties learn the priceless value of giving, the

curative power of friendship, and the vital importance of integrating children with all abilities into the community.

Programs include Sunday Circle, Better Together, Summer and Winter Camps, Teen Scene Girls, Teen Scene Boys, and so much more. To get involved, visit [www.FriendsCleveland.com](http://www.FriendsCleveland.com) or email [Bree@FriendsCleveland.com](mailto:Bree@FriendsCleveland.com).

Another program, After School Hangout, welcomes students Monday through Thursday, with bus transportation available, courtesy of Beachwood Schools.

Friendship Circle also employs a family support specialist who plans programs and events for the whole family. When a child joins Friendship Circle, his or her whole family becomes involved.

Friendship 4 Life is a campaign to celebrate Friendship Circle's 20 years of existence to help build a future where both children and adults are afforded

the opportunity for social and friend-filled lives, for life. This campaign includes plans to renovate the existing facility in Pepper Pike (for kids) and to build a new facility for adults.

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To be a teen volunteer and make a difference by getting to know someone who can really use a friend like you, email [Yosef@FriendsCleveland.com](mailto:Yosef@FriendsCleveland.com) or call/text 216.385.6026.

## Friendship Circle Band Debutes New Song

Friendship Circle Band, formed in 2021, performs pop-rock influenced original tracks and covers of contemporary songs that focus on empowerment of people with disabilities and the potential of unconditional friendship. The

band, a project of Friendship Circle of Cleveland, is led by teen volunteer director Yosef Peysin. Current members include Alan Vaytsman (piano and vocals), Josh Schoenbrun (percussion and drums), Yosef Peysin (acoustic guitar and

vocals), Kevin Teplitzki (bass), and Alex Waldbaum (vocals).

The band's first song, *Gonna Shine*, was a huge hit. It has been viewed more than 10,000 times, inspiring so many to embrace their unique inner beauty. It may be viewed at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=hC4Ofhd3t4Y](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hC4Ofhd3t4Y).

Their new song, *Get Lit*, was recently debuted at the Friendship Circle International Marathon & Celebration in Los Angeles. The music video will soon be available online.

*Pictured, from left:* Josh Schoenbrun, Alex Waldbaum, Alan Vaytsman, and Yosef Peysin.



Beachwood resident Shira Vaiselberg celebrates Superhero Day at a weekly Sunday Circle program. Photo by Mariana Edelman Photography.

# 23rd Annual Race for the Place Brings Community Together to Support Those Impacted by Cancer

Race to benefit The Gathering Place offers fun for everyone

On Sunday, June 4, thousands of residents throughout the Cleveland area will head over to Beachwood Place for the 23rd annual Race for the Place, benefiting The Gathering Place. In celebration of National Cancer Survivors Day, participants can help raise funds to support the free programs and services offered by The Gathering Place to those impacted by cancer. Registrants are welcome to either walk or run the one mile, or you can sign up to run or walk the 5K, which will be chip timed for the runners.

“Each year, we are inspired to see such strong community support for our organization,” said Michele Seyranian, CEO of The Gathering Place. “It is because of their generosity and dedication that we can continue to provide free programming and services to all who face a life altering cancer diagnosis. We are especially thankful to be able to be back in person this year to celebrate with the community.”

Proceeds help keep support groups, children’s programming,

art therapy, nutrition and exercise classes, education, and more free of charge. Race for the Place, over its 23-year history, has raised more than \$6 million for those who have been touched by cancer.

The race starts, rain or shine, at Beachwood Place at 9 a.m. on the upper-level parking deck between Nordstrom and Dillard’s. A National Cancer Survivors Day ceremony begins at 8:45 a.m., with family activities, including face painting, games, music,

and more all held in Celebration Village beginning at 8 a.m. An awards ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m.

The 2023 Race for the Place sponsors include Parker Hannifin, SITE Centers Corp, Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Westfield Bank, Advance Partners, Excelas, Jones Day, Peoples Bank, Sherwin-Williams, Swagelok, and



Zinner. A variety of sponsorship levels are available; if you are interested in becoming a sponsor, call 216.455.1505.

Beginning on March 1, community members can register individually or as teams at [www.racefortheplace.org](http://www.racefortheplace.org), by calling 216.455.1505, or by visiting the organization at either its Beachwood or Westlake facility.

## Beachwood Arts Council Presents:

### Ileen Kelner Juried High School Art Show

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This special exhibit features inspiring artwork from students representing 22 high schools in northeast Ohio. Judges were professional, local artists Anna Arnold, Augusto Bordelois, and Susan Cone Porges. Winners will be announced next month!

### Beachwood K-12 Art Show

Wednesday, March 15 - Sunday, April 9  
 Beachwood Community Center  
 Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday • 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Weekends: Call 216-292-1970 for available hours  
 Open House with Music Program  
 Wednesday, March 15 • 5 - 7 p.m.



View the creative talents of Beachwood K-12 students at this exhibit of collages, paintings, drawings, and sculptures. Also, at the Open House, enjoy music by talented student musicians.

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# Stutz

By Jen Stern

**S**tutz is a powerful documentary on Netflix. Beautifully intimate and informative, it illustrates the transformative power of vulnerability, self-awareness, and the ability to move forward by actively participating in creating necessary change.

In this documentary, actor Jonah Hill interviews his psychiatrist, Phil Stutz, who he credits for giving him the tools necessary to change the direction and quality of his life.

Phil shares some of the therapeutic tools he uses to help empower and encourage forward movement and accountability in his clients. His approach is real, accessible, and direct. This man does not mince words.

One of my favorite strategies that he shares is the concept that every action you take in life comprises a string of pearls. Each "pearl" is of equal size, representing how your actions all hold the same value. However, every "pearl" has

a dark spot, indicating constant, unavoidable imperfection. There is no perfect. There are no absolutes. Look for the nugget of good, of productive, of healthy, and start building from there.

One of the more powerful tools is letting go of "the snapshot," which is the image you have in your head of what the perfect life, person, career, relationship, body ... would be. There is no perfect, therefore it is sabotaging to hold onto snapshots as if they are attainable or can exist as a baseline for anyone.

Phil encourages Jonah to practice visualization and radical acceptance: to stop fighting reality

with reactive, impulsive, destructive behaviors and learn to accept what cannot be changed or undone. In other words, to cope differently.

Phil states that, in real life, there are three aspects of reality that we won't be able to avoid: pain, uncertainty, and work.

### The Practice:

- Accept that life is not like a perfect snapshot
- Take action knowing that each action is like a string of imperfect pearls (each action connects to the previous)
- Love the process
- Make amends with our shadows

My takeaway is that we must not get stuck in our negative narratives. Instead, we must try to enjoy the journey and embrace the detours, no matter how disappointing, frustrating, painful, or unfair. His work focuses on acceptance and forward movement.

Stutz is perfect for Spring, a time of growing through darkness.

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# Distract Your Mind with Indoor Plants

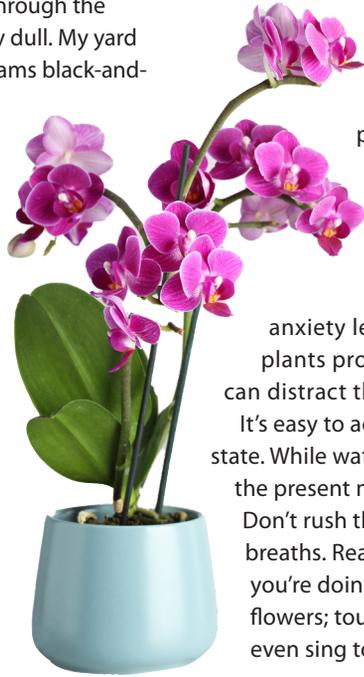
by Ellen Wohl

**M**y husband says I'm capable of killing an artificial plant. "Not fair," I say. The fake ficus tree has been dropping leaves for years.

I finally mastered African violets, and my grocery store orchid actually has buds!

Staring out the window through the winter months can be pretty dull. My yard often looks like an Ansel Adams black-and-white photo.

I cheer myself up by looking through *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Burpee* seed catalogs, and Pinterest boards, fantasizing about my summer garden. I feel less paralyzed by the anxiety of being cooped up, and my spirits are lifted. I happily anticipate the day I can grab a shovel, transplant the overpowering hostas, and make room for fragrant flowering plants and delicious vegetables.



If you are like me and can't wait, bringing the garden indoors can make us calmer, happier, and healthier. Studies show that there are mental and physical benefits to caring for houseplants. Who wouldn't welcome improving their mood, reducing fatigue, and lowering stress and

anxiety levels? Tending to indoor plants provides physical activity that can distract the mind.

It's easy to achieve a mindful, meditative state. While watering the plants, stay in the present moment. Take your time. Don't rush through it. Take a few deep breaths. Really pay attention to what you're doing. Focus on the leaves and flowers; touch them; talk to them! I even sing to mine.

Haley Neidich, a St. Petersburg, Florida-based licensed clinical social worker, has recommended gardening to her clients for years. She finds that it can be an effective tool for self-care.

"We have become so accustomed to multi-tasking and being totally plugged in during our everyday lives," she says. "Gardening requires that we concentrate only on one thing at a time and remain fully present in the moment."

On a gray Cleveland day, why not stroll through the aisles of a greenhouse, surround yourself with the feeling of sunshine and warmth, and pick out a plant that will bring you joy. Or check your favorite grocery store. They have easy-to-care-for house plants. Bring one home, talk to it, and show it some love. It will love you back.



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# BAKED by Abbie

## Classic Cherry Pie for Pi Day

If you love numbers, you know that Pi Day is March 14. That's because the value of pi, a mathematical constant, is 3.14. Whether or not one is mathematically challenged, the day provides a great excuse to bake a pie. And, with endless filling choices and crust options, everyone is bound to have at least one favorite!

According to a March 2022 *Better Homes & Gardens* article, Instacart determined which pies were most popular in each state. The clear winner for the country as a whole was – not surprisingly – apple pie. National rankings results were as follows: #5 – Blueberry #4 – Pecan #3 – Apple #2 – Pumpkin, and #1 – Cherry, which incidentally was favored by Ohioans.

My own research (conducted non-scientifically via my Facebook page) came to pretty much the same conclusions.



Recipe adapted from Pillsbury.com.

### Filling Ingredients

- Two 21 oz. cans cherry pie filling
- 1 tsp almond extract (optional, but highly recommended to enhance cherry flavor)
- 1 Tablespoon butter/margarine, room temperature

### Pastry Ingredients (if not purchasing two ready-made nine-inch pie crusts)

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ¼ tsp salt
- 2 tsp granulated sugar, divided use
- ½ cup (1 stick) cold butter/margarine, cut into chunks
- ¼ - ½ cup cold water
- 1 tsp milk

### Directions

- Preheat oven to 400°F.
- Mix flour, salt and 1 tsp sugar in a large mixing bowl. With a pastry blender, cut in butter/margarine until it resembles coarse crumbs.
- Add ice water, one tablespoon at a time, until dough can form a ball with hands. Avoid overmixing.
- Divide dough into two balls. Using a well-floured surface and rolling pin, roll each ball into a circle from the center out with long even strokes until each circle fits a nine-inch pie plate.



- In a medium sized bowl, mix cherry filling with almond extract.
- Pour filling into pastry lined pie pan. Dot with softened butter/margarine.
- Gently roll top crust over pie, adjust, seal. Brush with milk and sprinkle the remaining granulated sugar on top. Cut several vent holes with sharp knife.
- Bake 50-60 minutes or until crust browns and filling bubbles. If necessary, cover pie with aluminum foil during last 15 minutes to prevent browning. Cool before serving. Garnish with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

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Senior living communities offer independence, luxuries, and social opportunities that make life exciting, comfortable, more carefree, and enjoyable. If you have questions, you're not alone; most seniors and families don't know where to start. That's why Menorah Park offers a free decision-making guide that will answer questions, inform you of your choices and opportunities, and help you make the best decision for you and your lifestyle moving forward.

The guide covers everything from determining whether you should make a move, to budgeting and comparing residences. A handy glossary will take the mystery out of industry terms and help you understand the many options available.

The key to using the guide is determining what's most important to you. The many levels of care available are designed to provide a smooth transition as residents age. Therapy, health care, and wellness care help manage your physical well-being. Spiritual care, educational opportunities, activities, and outings help maintain mental and emotional health.

It's easy to become socially isolated in retirement. That's why we recommend and offer vibrant life enrichment programming and frequent opportunities for interaction that involve the whole community. Residents frequently suggest and organize their own programming, with the help of life enrichment directors.



Gardening and book groups, film and television appreciation, art and writing – the only limits are the interests and goals of residents themselves.

If you or someone you love is thinking of moving to a senior living community, Menorah Park's decision-making guide is a great place to start. It will help you organize your priorities and prepare you to ask the right questions as you search for a new home. It will even direct you to other independent resources for more information.

Making a major life change is never easy. To get a digital copy of the guide, scan this convenient QR code or visit [MenorahPark.org](http://MenorahPark.org). To speak with a senior living expert, call 216.360.8202.



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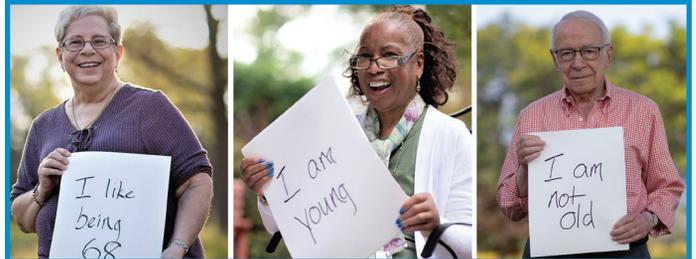
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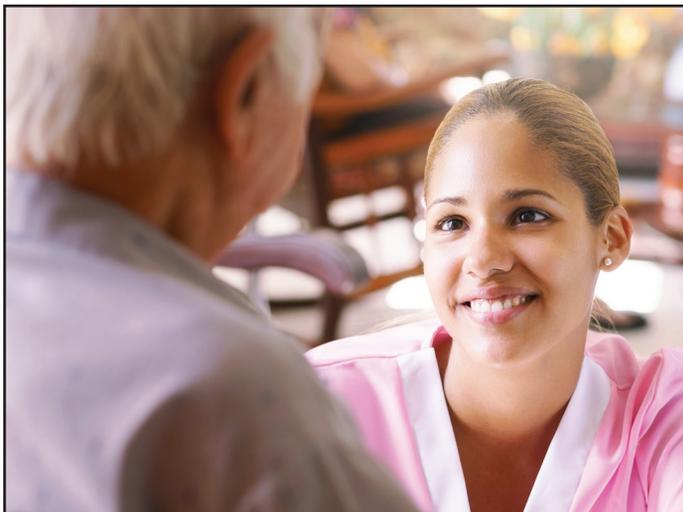


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Essays should not exceed 1,500 words, and will be judged on mechanics/structure, purpose, style, idea development, and format. The student's name should not appear on the essay itself.

Simply complete an essay and mail it in or submit it through email. The deadline for submissions is Saturday, April 1, by 5 p.m.

Emailed submissions may be sent to [friendsofbeachwoodlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbeachwoodlibrary@gmail.com), with Friends Scholarship 2023 on the subject line.

Mailed submissions may be sent to: Friends of the Beachwood Library, Attn: Scholarship 2023, Beachwood Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 25501 Shaker Blvd., Beachwood, OH 44122.

Directions and guidelines are available at the Beachwood Library's Teen desk.

## Elderclass 2023

**B**eachwood City Schools is proud to offer our senior community members the following lunch-and-learn opportunities at Beachwood High School. Each Elderclass experience begins with a three-course lunch in the Beachwood Bistro, a restaurant run by culinary students, followed by a musical, historical, or variable presentation from local and national keynote speakers.

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**April 13**

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**May 4**

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For more information, contact April Yuhas at 216.464.2600 or [ayuhas@beachwoodschoools.org](mailto:ayuhas@beachwoodschoools.org).



# Last Chance!

## Last chance to view exhibition

### *This Light of Ours: Activist Photographers of the Civil Rights Movement* at the Maltz Museum

As relevant today as they were half a century ago, more than 150 black-and-white images chronicling the Southern Freedom Movement are featured in *This Light of Ours: Activist Photographers of the Civil Rights Movement*, on display through April 2, 2023, at the Maltz Museum.

*This Light of Ours* is based on a book of the same name, edited by Leslie G. Kelen. It features works by nine activist photographers who documented the clash between institutionalized discrimination and determined resistance by activists and volunteers during the mid-1960s. The stunning black-and-white photographs chronicle a pivotal time in American history that can be explored through interrelated sections: Black Life in the Deep South, Organizing for Freedom, State and Local Terror, Marching Against Fear, and Black Power. The Maltz Museum added video footage, life-size installations, and material about voter suppression today.

The exhibition originally premiered in Cleveland in 2016, traveled the country, and is now back. "We added a new section for this run," explained David Schafer, the Museum's managing director. "We are in a voting year, and this exhibition is about Americans participating in democracy. That's why we chose to add a new section on voter suppression, then and now. What happened 50 years ago is highly relevant to what is happening today."

It is the Museum's hope that every middle and high school student in Northeast Ohio can see this exhibition and witness events of the 1960s through the literal lens of people who were there – activist photographers.

Cleveland's own Rev. Dr. Otis Moss Jr., a former regional director of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Southern Christian Leadership Conference and a Selma march participant, once said, "If there is no conscience in the community, we have to be that conscience."

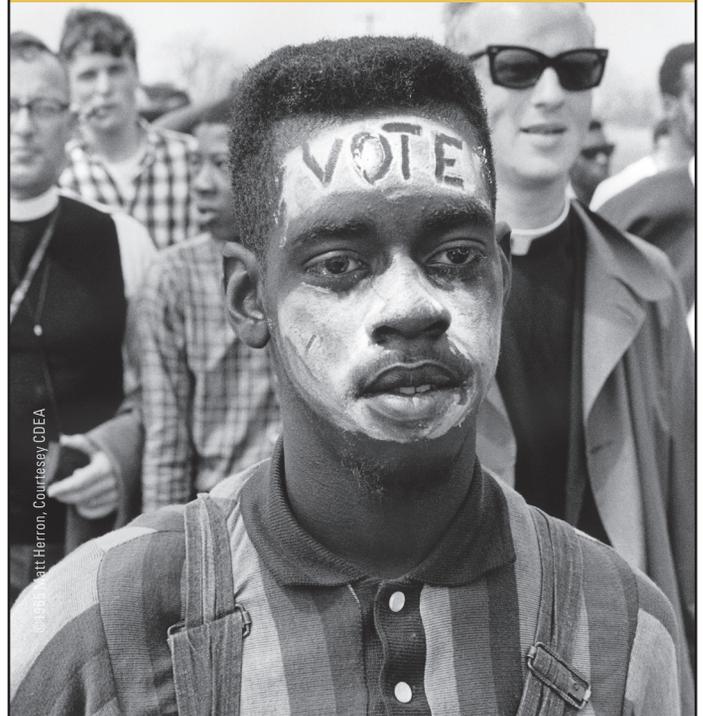
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#### Book an Adult or Student Group Tour with Discounted Pricing

For adult and student groups who want the full-immersive experience, the Museum recommends pairing a docent-led tour of *This Light of Ours* with the opportunity to experience the interactive biography of the Rev. Dr. Otis Moss Jr. Discounts apply for adult groups of 10 or more. School groups are \$3 per student (one adult chaperone free with every 10 students). CMSD schools can attend for free, plus the Museum covers busing for Northeast Ohio schools with 50% or more of students on the reduced lunch program. To book a group tour, email [education@mmjh.org](mailto:education@mmjh.org).

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## On Sale Now! Native Seed, Plants, Trees, and Shrubs

Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is now selling native seed, plants, trees and shrubs. Native plants are better suited to the local environment, and they establish faster and are hardier. They require less water, fertilizer, and pesticide, and can help to control stormwater and erosion with their long root systems.

In addition, native plants are low-maintenance and the long-term upkeep is dramatically less costly than turf grass. They also provide habitat suitable to native animals (birds, bees, etc.).

Cuyahoga SWCD's mission is to implement programs and practices that protect and restore healthy soil and water resources. For details and to order, visit [www.cuyahogawcd.org](http://www.cuyahogawcd.org) and click on Native Seed, Plant, and Tree/Shrub sales.

## ESOL and Citizenship Classes for Adults

Beachwood Schools is partnering with the Cuyahoga County Public Library (CCPL) and Aspire Greater Cleveland to offer free English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and Citizenship Classes for Adults. These classes are being held at the Beachwood Board of Education on Fairmount Boulevard.

If you'd like to improve your English language skills or participate in a Citizenship Class, free beginner, intermediate, and advanced-level classes are being offered.

"Beachwood Schools is proud to serve as a community resource in this way and to continue our partnership with ASPIRE and the CCPL," said Superintendent Robert Hardis. "Our school system thrives because we attract families from around the world. Supporting these community members to learn English and become citizens is an honor."

Jonathan Khadige, AES - ESL Specialist at Cuyahoga County

Public Library, told us that he was encouraged by the demand and that 22 people signed up to take classes at the Beachwood location after the program was first announced.

"These programs are booming and we have wait lists at various sites, including this mixed-level ESOL class at the Beachwood Board of Education," Jonathan told us. "I want people to know these classes are being offered and we will admit more people as space becomes available."

To be put on a wait list in Beachwood, email [jthompson@cuyahogalibrary.org](mailto:jthompson@cuyahogalibrary.org). Additional in-person and online classes

are available. Students, generally 19+ years of age, may check availability at <https://cuyahogalibrary.org/services/adult-education/aspire-greater-cleveland>. For more information, call 1.833.ASPIRE2.

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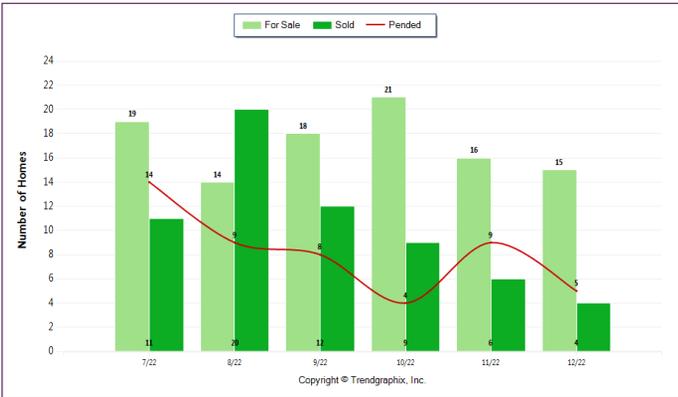
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# Real Estate Statistical Update by Sharon Friedman



We remain in a seller's market as the trend has continued for the past two years. The average sold price per square footage was up 7.7% in December '22 compared to previous month. The median sold price increased by 41.8% in December '22 from prior month, and the average sold price also increased by 4.5%. As is typical in the winter months, we see a slowdown of the market overall. However, with inventory being limited, buyers are having to compete for available houses. While Northeastern Ohio continues to be a desirable location attracting new residents from out of state, Beachwood remains very competitive due to the quality and age of the housing stock, and the excellence of schools and community amenities.

— Sharon Friedman

## Homes SOLD in Beachwood November 9, 2022 – February 9, 2023

Street	Days	List	Sold	LP/SP%	Bed	Bath	Built
Deborah	291	600,000	600,000	100%	3	3	1956
Beachwood	47	780,000	780,000	100%	5	4	1960
Belvoir	83	210,000	190,000	90%	3	2	1957
Glenhill	36	269,000	235,000	87%	3	3	1953
Concord	23	248,600	235,000	95%	3	3	1958
Fairmount	113	379,000	325,000	86%	4	3	1973
S. Woodland	134	355,000	332,000	94%	3	3	1968
Fenway	6	359,900	352,000	98%	4	4	1959
Greenlawn	84	389,900	385,000	99%	4	3	1963
Deerfield	59	425,000	409,500	96%	2	3	1987
Shakercrest	43	400,000	420,000	105%	3	3	1963
Greenlawn	84	449,900	449,900	100%	4	3	1955
Hurlingham	112	600,000	557,500	93%	4	3	1957

### Beachwood Market Update from November 9, 2022 – February 9, 2023

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

## SHARON LISTS AND SELLS BEACHWOOD!



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**3 Hyde Park in The Village**  
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2 Bed, 2.1 Bath RANCH Condo



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**2180 Fenway Drive**  
List price \$359,900  
4 Bed, 3.1 Bath Colonial



**SOLD 12/22 AT LIST!**

**23212 Greenlawn Avenue**  
List price \$449,900  
4 Bed, 2.1 Bath Colonial



**SOLD 12/22!**

**23785 Glenhill Drive**  
List price \$269,000  
3 Bed, 3 Full Bath Cape Cod

### Sharon's Beachwood Listings & Sales in 2022/23

- SOLD 4/22** 25300 Letchworth Road  
listed at \$795,000
- SOLD 8/22** 14 Kenwood Court in The Village  
listed at \$475,000
- SOLD OVER LIST 9/22** 23893 Greenlawn Avenue  
listed at \$399,900
- SOLD OVER LIST 3/22** 26001 Hendon Road  
listed at \$379,900
- SOLD BEFORE PROCESSING 6/22** 23990 Letchworth Road  
listed at \$363,000
- SOLD OVER LIST 6/22** 23219 E Groveland Road  
listed at \$329,900
- SOLD OVER LIST 5/22** 2647 South Green Road  
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# Beechwood, The Book Archive Donated to Beachwood Schools

**B**eachwood resident, history buff, and author Jeffrey Morris recently donated an incredible treasure trove of historical documents to Beachwood Schools. The collection includes historic maps, news clippings, photos, notes from school board members serving in the 1950s, programs, letters, and more.

Jeffrey acquired these historical documents from current and former residents, businesses, and organizations when he published *Beechwood, The Book* in 2012.

"These one-of-a-kind documents tell the story of Beachwood's history and I felt it was time to donate them so others may use them," Jeffrey said. "I chose the schools because they have an infrastructure to support and maintain this collection.

"My hope is that students who are interested in local history use these documents as a resource," Jeffrey added. "I encourage people to clean out their basements and donate historical info to appropriate people!"

"For years I've been sharing Jeffrey's historical research with students and families in order to make sense of the present

by better understanding the past," said Superintendent Robert Hardis. "Now that Jeffrey has generously donated this important archive to the district to preserve, we will digitize the materials and make them searchable so that future Beachwood residents, employees, and students can learn about our wonderful community's history."

Hard copies of *Beechwood, The Book* are available through the Beachwood Board of Education, with proceeds benefitting the Beachwood Schools Foundation. To obtain a copy, call 216.464.2600. The book may also be read online, courtesy of Special Collections at the Michael Schwartz Library at Cleveland State University, at <https://tinyurl.com/BeechwoodTheBook>.

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Kevin Houchins, director of Equity & Community Engagement (left), and Superintendent Robert Hardis (right) graciously accept this historical collection from Jeff Morris (center).

## Beechwood, The Book, by Jeffrey Morris Dedication, Acknowledgements, and More

**Dedication:** This book was written in memory of Dr. Jerry Wolkoff, a longtime Beachwood resident who demonstrated the outstanding qualities necessary to being a great doctor and father.

**Acknowledgements:** Without question, my wife, Glo, and my son, Matthew, have both felt the pain and joy of this project, and I thank them for their love and support.

Longtime Beachwood resident Larry Gordon provided an abundance of research information and guidance.

This book could not have happened without the

enthusiasm of Les Giesler, a former Beachwood resident. Les grew up in Beachwood in the 1940s. A special thanks to Merle Wascko, who grew up in Beachwood in the 1930s. Merle provided numerous insights into Beachwood's past.

A thank you is in order to John Hexter, James Heller, Darrell Young, and Ron White for their individual but team-spirited support.

A special thank you to my parents, Morton and Sylvia, who endured many unique events with me and introduced me to Miss Ilo Forte, my fourth and

fifth grade teacher. She taught me the importance of reading and writing.

Finally, a special thank you to the financial sponsors of this project. Whether they were a small business or a large corporation, their decision to support this project came from their individual leadership. Those leaders know the value and the importance of documenting history.

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In Darrell A. Young's foreward, he wrote, "*Beechwood, The Book* is an intriguing look at where the city has been, but there is



so much more to come. Enjoy learning about the first 80 years, and dream about the next 80 years and how the magic will continue."

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**Fun fact:** In 1915, when Beachwood was incorporated into a village, its original name, Beechwood was misspelled and it was too much of a hassle to change the paperwork. That's how our city got its current spelling.

# Crestmont Cadillac Gears Up to Celebrate 50 Years

Crestmont Cadillac, a family-run business led by Jay Park (CEO), Alex Park (President), and Andrea Park Zadd (Executive Vice President), has been located in the heart of Beachwood, at 26000 Chagrin Blvd., for almost 50 years, and management will soon announce plans for an October celebration. The organization also includes Crestmont Buick GMC (since 2020), Crestmont Hyundai and Genesis (since 2007) in Brunswick.

The Park family purchased the GMC store because it fits well with their portfolio. If someone comes to the Cadillac store and pricing is out of their budget, staff can offer quality products at lower prices just around the corner.

"Crestmont Cadillac has been in our family since 1991 and we look forward to announcing anniversary plans in the upcoming months," said Alex. "Today's message reflects around gratitude for our incredible team who helped us reach this incredible milestone.

"Beachwood has changed a lot since we've been here," Alex added. "There's been a lot of development and we're grateful to be in the heart of it all."

Since 1991, major developments have included the construction of the Harvard Road exit ramp off I271, along with Eton, Chagrin Highlands, luxury apartment buildings, the Van Aken District, and more.

"It's been very cool to be part of that growth," Alex said.

"Along with this development came more traffic, which further supported our stores."

As Beachwood continues to thrive, so does Crestmont. It's been Ohio's largest volume Cadillac store many times, including in 2022, which the team credits to location and staff.

Beachwood isn't just home to two of Crestmont's dealerships. It's also home to Alex and Andrea. Alex and his family moved here in 2015, followed by Andrea in 2017.

"We moved here because of the city services and location," Andrea said. "We strongly believe in supporting our community, and it's easy to support a community in which we work and live. We found a home we love, and we enjoy use of the pool, park, and access to the outdoors. Plus, it doesn't hurt that our business is just around the corner!"

"I love that you can't hear highway traffic from the street and can be on the highway in five minutes," Alex added. "When living on the east side, this is the best place to be."

Conway Cadillac opened in 1968 and was renamed Crestmont in 1973. "It's amazing that a business cannot only survive, but thrive for 50 years," Alex said. "I attribute our success to our fantastic people. Our success is driven by the people who work here. That's why we're planning a celebration. To celebrate the milestone and people."

"We can't do this on our own, so we celebrate our staff who get things done on a day-to-day basis," Andrea reiterated. "We employ about 100 people who depend on our businesses to support their families and our success is definitely a team effort."

She paused, then said, "It's a nice circle of life. Our gratitude comes from all that the staff does day in and day out to create good experiences for our customers. Because of that, we're able to support our community and help it thrive, which drives customers back to our dealerships."

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"I imagine most small businesses don't make it 50 years," Alex said. "None of this would be possible without the people who work here. I'm very grateful for our people and our community, and I hope we'll be here for another 50 years."

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Crestmont proudly supports the city and schools in events and programs that include February Freeze, Fall Festival, and Beachwood Football.

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



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As the cover story in this issue indicates, we have a remarkable and sizable group of women and men who have chosen to spend their careers in the City of Beachwood. We are grateful for their dedication and public service, and I'm particularly pleased to see them receive the recognition on these pages that they deserve.

These employees, who have served the City of Beachwood for 25+ years, exemplify the professionally rewarding climate that is present in Beachwood.

Truly, the numbers speak for themselves. They have worked alongside some solid leadership during the past three decades, and I can guarantee that they will continue to have a leader who looks out for everyone's best interests while I'm serving as Mayor.

What's especially exciting about working for this municipality is the way it affords a front row seat, enabling us to witness growth and progress. Beachwood is a highly dynamic community, and its directors, along with their staff, are continually looking for ways to improve our city.

To better comprehend the scope and scale of each city department and its activities, I'd like to encourage you to view our 2023 State of the City Report. I'm pleased to introduce it to our community, particularly because it marks the first time we've ever compiled this type of information in one document. We are making it widely accessible to everyone by posting the report online.

This is a project that could not have been possible without input from our dedicated department directors and their staff. I especially want to acknowledge our public relations consultant, June Scharf, and graphic designer, Ryan Kennedy, who were able to organize all

of this data into such a great resource for our community.

Our Economic Development Director, Cathy Bieterman, also plans to use it as a tool for business attraction and retention.



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Aside from looking back at what has been accomplished, the State of the City Report also projects forward and offers a glimpse into our plans for this year and beyond. We are always considering both short- and long-term projects, and I, along with City Council, draw on the expertise of many from within and outside the city as we plan for the future.

We have much to be grateful for here in Beachwood, especially with such a long history of excellent city services in all capacities, and the funding and staffing to extend that level of service into the future. One central element to our success lies with the city's departments, staffed by diligent directors and dedicated employees. As such, I'm very proud of the recognition they have earned here in this issue of the *Buzz*, and in the 2023 State of the City Report.

Mayor Justin Berns  
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### **CITY HALL VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:**

Effective March 1, visitors must scan a form of identification to enter City Hall during business hours. For details, see page 6.

## DON BALOG NAMED FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to firefighter Don Balog for earning Beachwood Fire Department's 2022 Firefighter of the Year award!

Don has served the city for over 24 years including 20-plus years on the Eastside Technical Rescue Team where he served as commander (Hillcrest Tech Team) and division lead. Don is currently Beachwood Fire Department's honor guard commander and is also the all around go-to handyman.

Don was presented with his award at the February 6 council meeting in front of family, friends, and coworkers.



Left to right: Chief Steve Holtzman, Don Balog, Mayor Berns

### **UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS**

**City Council:**  
March 7 at 7:00 p.m.  
March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

**Planning & Zoning:**  
March 22 at 6:30 p.m.  
(Date Change)

**Architectural Board of Review:**  
March 7 at 4:30 p.m.  
March 20 at 4:30 p.m.

# WORK-LIVE-LEARN..THRIVE

## PATROL OFFICERS SWORN IN

Congratulations to Eugene Shippy III, Colm English and Andrew Moore! At the February 6 council meeting, with their families and friends in attendance, these officers were sworn in as patrol officers by Mayor Justin Berns. Wishing you all a fantastic career with Beachwood Police.



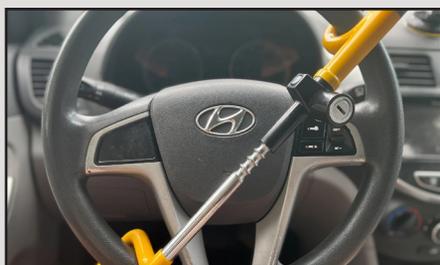
Left to right: Andrew Moore, Eugene Shippy III, Chief McLaughlin and Colm English

## STEERING WHEEL LOCKS AVAILABLE

The Beachwood Police Department has obtained steering wheel locks to prevent theft of Hyundai/Kia vehicles. To obtain one, the following criteria must be met:

- Proof of Beachwood residency
- Proof of vehicle ownership
- Vehicle must have key start ignition

One lock per vehicle is available. Visit the Beachwood Police Department, 2700 Richmond Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. First come, first serve, while supplies last.



## METROHEALTH CEO HOLDS SESSION AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Justin Berns welcomed and introduced Dr. Airica Steed on January 23 when she appeared at the Beachwood Community Center for the first stop on her Listening and Engagement Tour, the central piece of her 100-day plan involving meetings with employees throughout the health system, leaders throughout the state and community members throughout Cuyahoga County.

As the first woman, first Black person and first nurse to serve as President and CEO of The MetroHealth System, Dr. Airica Steed is fighting passionately to reverse racial disparities and make sure every person in Cuyahoga County and beyond has an equal chance at a long and healthy life. That's just one part of her vision for the future of the \$1.7 billion, 8,000-employee safety net health system.



Mayor Berns pictured with MetroHealth CEO, Dr. Airica Steed in Beachwood's Art Gallery.

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED BY STATE OF OHIO BOARD

Congratulations to William Griswold, Building Commissioner and his staff. The State of Ohio's Board of Building Standards, a division of the Ohio Department of Commerce, awarded Beachwood's Building Department a 2022 Honorable Mention. There are 331 Building Departments in Ohio, and Columbus was the overall winner, with two Honorable Mentions awarded as well.



Beachwood's 2022 Honorable Mention Certificate

## HOMETOWN HERO NOMINATIONS

The Beachwood Historical Society and City of Beachwood are accepting Hometown Hero nominations through Friday, April 7. For details, visit [BeachwoodOhio.com/HeroNominations](http://BeachwoodOhio.com/HeroNominations) or see page 6.

Scan to nominate!



The 2022 Class of Hometown Heroes.

# ACTIVE THREAT TRAINING COMPLETED AT BEACHWOOD PLACE

On January 29, Beachwood Police, Beachwood Fire, and Beachwood Place security coordinated an “active threat” training at Beachwood Place. Collaboration during any incident is key to its successful resolution. Trainings such as these ensure that responders are prepared mentally and have the proper response equipment to mitigate the situation. Thank you to everyone who participated and coordinated this event.



Active threat training participants on January 29 at Beachwood Place.

# CITY VEHICLES GOING GREEN

Mayor Justin Berns announced at the January 23 city council meeting that all of Beachwood’s inspector vehicles in the Building and Fire Departments are now hybrid models, acquired in an effort to become a “greener” city. The Building Department has six Ford Escapes and the Fire Department has two Ford Explorers.



# THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH, RESIDENTIAL SEWER REMINDERS

**What did one toilet say to the other toilet? You look flushed!** All jokes aside, Beachwood Public Works has been assisting with a number of clogged private sewer lines because of foreign material being flushed down the toilets or poured down drains. Sewer lines are designed to handle water, human waste and toilet paper only. Even wipes and other items marked as “flushable” should not be flushed.

Examples of what **not** to flush:

- Cloth rags or paper towels
- Facial tissue (it does not break down like toilet paper)
- Baby wipes, toilet wipes, towelettes, disinfecting wipes, or cloth wipes of any kind (even if they are “flushable”)
- Paper (other than toilet paper)
- Prophylactics
- Medications (Prescription, or over-the-counter. Medication disposal container available in the BPD lobby.)
- Feminine hygiene products of any kind
- Beauty products, Q-Tips, cotton balls, hair, dental floss
- Cat litter
- Plastics of any kind
- Grease of any kind – especially cooking grease
- Garden supplies (such as pesticides, fertilizers)
- Paint, varnish, paint remover
- Motor oil, gasoline, or any explosive material
- When in doubt, throw it out (trash bin)

Please remember, only water, human waste and toilet paper should be flushed. A toilet is not a trashcan. Clogged sewer pipes lead to expensive sewer backups for the homeowner due to clean up and repair costs. In addition, the above items clog sewer pumps which caused a 1,200-foot blockage in another state in February at a pumping station. Life is like a sewer. What you get out of it, is what you put into it and sometimes it stinks.

# POLICE CHIEF SPEAKS AT ATHENA AKRON LEADERSHIP FORUM

Police Chief Kate McLaughlin was recently invited to be a speaker at the Athena Akron Leadership Forum to address “Taking Charge of Your Future: Being Intentional.” She was one of four guests who appeared at the Portage Country Club. Her remarks elicited a groundswell of support relating to her experiences dealing with challenging circumstances.



Chief McLaughlin (left) speaking at the leadership forum.

“As a long time Beachwood Resident, I would like to state that my family and I are supportive of Chief McLaughlin and her leadership of the Beachwood Police Department. I would also like to salute and recognize those members of the Beachwood Police Department who are doing a fantastic job keeping us all safe.”

Troy Auzenne, Resident

# MARCH RECREATION GUIDE

## AQUATIC CENTER MEMBERSHIPS

Beachwood Family Aquatic Center memberships go on sale the first day of spring, March 20. Better yet, you're able to spring into savings with a 20% preseason discount for purchasing prior to May 27. Memberships can be purchased in-person at Beachwood City Hall. Two forms of identification for residency are required. A driver's license or photo ID and a utility bill are preferred.

Opening day is Saturday, May 27!

### SAVE 20% WITH PRESEASON RATES!

Membership Type	Prior to 5/27	5/27 & After
Per Person	\$60	\$72
Family of 2	\$115	\$138
Family of 3	\$165	\$198
Family of 4	\$175	\$210
Each additional member	\$25	\$30
Seniors (60 & over)	\$35	\$42
Governess	\$70	\$84
Employed in Beachwood*	\$110	\$132

\*Restrictions apply



### BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:

Ileen Kelner Juried High School Art Show | Open through March 12  
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## ON THE ROAD AGAIN, BOOK YOUR GETAWAY TO SOUTHERN OHIO AND TENNESSEE

Beachwood Community Services is proud to announce the return of overnight trips. Come travel and explore new destinations with fellow community members. For details and registration, visit [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com) or call Community Services at 216-292-1970.

### • Southern Ohio Here We Come: Monday, April 24 through Tuesday, April 25

How long have you lived in Ohio but never explored what Southern Ohio has to offer? Well here is your chance! Come see and taste your way through Roscoe Village, 3 Rivers Wine Trail, Sugar Creek and more. We will stay at the Carlisle Inn after enjoying dinner at Gervasi Vineyards. Transportation, tours, tastings and gratuities all included. Payment due by March 24, \$380 for double occupancy.

### • Tennessee Trip: Sunday, May 21 through Friday, May 26

Join us as we explore the sights and sounds of both Nashville and Memphis on this 5 night, 6 day trip. Some highlights include the Ryman Auditorium, Johnny Cash and Patsy Cline Museum, Loveless Café, a ride on the General Jackson, RCA Studios, Grand Ole Opry, Opryland Hotel, tour of Graceland, Blues City Café and so much more. Transportation, 13 meals, 5 nights lodging, admissions and gratuities are all included. Payment due by April 14, \$2,200 for double occupancy or \$2,875 for single.



A sunset behind the Nashville skyline.

### TENNESSEE TRIP ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Lodging at Hyatt Place in Downtown Nashville (3 Nights)
- Guided Nashville Tour
- General Jackson Cruise
- Grand Ole Opry Tour & Show
- Country Music Hall of Fame
- Dinner at Opryland Hotel
- Lodging at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Memphis (1 Night)
- Tour Graceland
- Dinner on Beale Street
- Lodging at The Galt House in Louisville (1 Night)
- Louisville Slugger Museum
- Tour Churchill Downs

Full itinerary online at [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com).



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## COMMUNITY COMPLIMENT

“Senior Transportation Team – How can I ever thank you enough for being so totally indispensable when I couldn’t transport myself for the many round trips to medical appointments and food shopping ... and tolerating the many changes I asked for with such patience and grace. It’s been six months since I got a car and six months since I’ve been missing having your company to make these trips more engaging, sometimes educational, sometimes heartfelt and poignant, sometimes fun and entertaining ... but always feeling more like being with friends than anything else.

With admiration and congratulations for the amazing job you do every day getting the Beachwood community from point A to point B and back again with such skill, a well-oiled machine for which I will be forever grateful!”

Evelyn Siegel, Resident



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## BEACHWOOD SENIORS

### MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

The legendary – and extremely popular – Beachwood Mah Jongg Tournament has returned! Join us for an afternoon of fun, snacks and prizes. If you’ve attended our previous tournaments, you know what a great time you’ll have. We play three rounds and then announce the top 10 winners. You will need 2023 Mah Jongg rules and please bring a set with dice if you have them.

**Monday, May 1 | 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.**  
 Beachwood Community Center

The cost is \$17 per person which includes snacks and prizes. Register by April 21 at BeachwoodRec.com, City Hall or call 216-292-1970.

### THE MIND CHALLENGE, JOIN TEAM BEACHWOOD

Do you love trivia? Do you want to represent our city? Join Team Beachwood for The Mind Challenge, a regional competition against other local communities. Play is scheduled for Wednesdays, May 10, 17 and 24 at 1:00 p.m., hosted by Shaker Heights. If interested, call Community Services by April 26 at 216-292-1970 to be added to our roster.

## SENIOR DAY OUT

**History of Women in Air & Space**  
 Thursday, March 16, at Noon  
 Beachwood Community Center

Residents - \$13  
 Non-Residents - \$16  
 Program Only - \$5

Register by March 8.

In honor of Women’s History Month, we will be learning about the role of women in aviation and aerospace, their accomplishments, obstacles, and their enduring legacy in all areas of aviation and aerospace. Sara Fisher, Executive Director of Cleveland’s International Women’s Air & Space Museum, will be our guest speaker!



Meal choices include macaroni and cheese with a small salad or a chicken Caesar salad. All entrees served with a roll, dessert and a beverage. Register online at BeachwoodRec.com, in-person at City Hall or by phone at 216-292-1970.

# WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

## THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### HECK'S CAFE, WELCOME TO THE BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY

To celebrate the restaurant's grand opening, a ribbon cutting was attended by Mayor Justin Berns, Council President Alec Isaacson, and Council Members Barbara Janovitz, Danielle Shoykhet, Josh Mintz, Eric Synenberg and June Taylor, along with owner Fadi Daoud. Also in attendance was Economic Development Director Cathy Bieterman and City Administrator Tina Turick.

Heck's is located in the space formerly occupied by Blu and Moxie, 3355 Richmond Rd., (216) 831-5599, [HecksCafe.com](http://HecksCafe.com)



Mayor Berns with owner Fadi Daoud.



A look inside Heck's Cafe.



The ribbon cutting ceremony at Heck's Cafe, located in the space formerly occupied by Blu and Moxie, 3355 Richmond Rd.

### COMMERCE PARK BUILDING RENOVATION

Local developer Industrial Commercial Properties (ICP) recently renovated a roughly 116,000-square-foot office/industrial building previously owned by the City of Beachwood at 25550 Commerce Park Dr. In 2021, ICP acquired the north half of the City's Public Works Building, and the department relocated to 23355 Mercantile Rd. The building now has a more contemporary look, achieved by adding a new glass front facade, flooring, roof, LED lighting, grading and landscaping. "ICP has made a significant investment and has been working collaboratively with the City to enable us to set a vision for what future space within the Commerce Park can be," said Mayor Justin Berns. A virtual showing of the building is available on our website at [beachwoodohio.com](http://beachwoodohio.com) under the Economic Development Recent Projects tab.



An aerial view of the Commerce Park project site.

"Beachwood would not be Beachwood without the promptness and hard work of Beachwood Public Works. I moved here from out of state and am appreciative of the Public Works Department keeping Beachwood clean, neat and tidy. When I moved here, I was told Beachwood's services were great, but Beachwood has exceeded all expectations. I was specifically thrilled with the brush collection crew which was very prompt and accommodating."

Philip Fay, Resident

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# BHS Musicians Compete at OMEA Solo and Ensemble Competition

**H**ard work. Perseverance. Sacrifice. Students in the BHS choir, orchestra, and band lit up the Ohio Music Education Association's Solo and Ensemble Competition on January 21, competing at Madison High School in 28 total events and receiving the highest possible rating in 17 events. Their competition preparation included coaching from professional musicians through the BHS musical residency program, created in partnership with the Cleveland Federation of Musicians, Local 4. Congratulations to student musicians and special thanks to the musical mentors, including former orchestra director Lisa Goldman and band director David Luddington.

## Participants included:

### BHS Choir

Catherine Mayer

### BHS Band

Alexander Bravo, Jessie Gao\*, Miriam Gilmore, Michael Karas, Sara Kumar, Alexander Lahti-Thiam\*, Tamara Lennings-Jenkins, Lauren Nagy-Oleski, Chengyu Li\*, Eric Paul, Arpith Prasad, Nishan Shrestha, Craig Vega, Junbo Wang, and Mirica Woodley.

### BHS Orchestra

Kimia Esmaeili Adabi, Kyle Adams, Leana Adunts, Sarah Ahn, Ori Balkan, Noah Beilstein, Ida Chang, Shreya Chellu\*\* \*\*\*, Yael Comet, Ethan Dong,

Arielle Epstein, Kellen Finley, Camille Gill, Audrey Hardis, Ethan Harmer, Noah Isaacson, Rachel Isaacson, Srishti Ithychanda, Siena James, Ben Keyerleber, Sasha Kheyfets, Kaajal Krishnan, Karina Krishnan, Elizabeth Liu\* \*\*, Jack Miller, Shamith Murthy, David Nikitin, Nitzan Omer, Eli Posa, Owen Shook, Lorena Tovanche, Riley Walker, Emma Wang, Leo Wang\*, Erica Ward, Jonah Wolfe, Sophia Yan, Maria Zarjetskiy, Shirley Zhang\*, Anna Zhao, Lyndia Zheng, and Tony Zheng.

\* A1 Ratings  
\*\* A2 Ratings



Orchestra students perform at the OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest.



Flutist Diana Rechner from Kent State University's Black Squirrel Winds chamber ensemble helps 10th-grader Jessie Gao prepare for the OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest.

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## BHS Senior Alexander Lahti-Thiam Shines in Columbus

**A**lexander Lahti-Thiam was recently featured as a soloist with the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony and the All-State Jazz Ensemble in Columbus at the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) Professional Development Conference.

Alexander, an alto saxophone player and band member, performed as a member and featured soloist of two prestigious, audition-based ensembles.

His first performance was with the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony Group 1. Alex was featured as a soloist in the Tango movement of Yosuke Fukuda's *Symphonic Dances*. The Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony is an audition-based ensemble that

rehearses weekly on the Cleveland State University Campus, performs regularly at Severance Hall, and draws students from all over the Cleveland area.

Alex's next event came as a member of the 2023 OMEA All-State Jazz Ensemble, which is open to auditions statewide. Alex was selected as the lead alto saxophone. There were only two alto saxophone players accepted from all applicants in this highly

selective ensemble.

With this ensemble, Alex enjoyed a busy week of rehearsals and performances that featured an open rehearsal professional development session. The concert was one of the final conference events. During this performance, in addition to playing lead alto, Alex was featured as a soloist on *Watusi Boogaloo*, by Pharez Whitted, and *Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum*, by Wayne Shorter.



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## Beachwood and Hawken Partner to Recognize Black History Month

It was Beachwood vs. Hawken during the junior varsity and varsity basketball games on February 10. But both teams put their rivalries aside to honor Black History Month. The third annual MAC Scholars Black History Recognition Night at Beachwood High School drew hundreds of supporters and featured speeches on the topic of Black history from students, staff, and coaches from both schools.

"While we attend different schools and are in different communities," said MAC Scholars advisor Gabrielle Greer-Jones, "we can continue to be the change we need to keep our history going."

"Beachwood Schools truly embraces every background, heritage, belief, and we take pride in our differences," stated Ryan Peters, director of athletics. "It is our differences that make our community so strong and special."

Tenth-grader Junae Simmons along with eighth-graders Chyenne Williams, Kamryn Nolden, and Jocelyn Owens opened the girls varsity game by singing *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, the Black National Anthem.



Taylor Greer-Jones

Prior to the varsity boys game, MAC Scholars Taylor Greer-Jones, Junae Simmons, Madison Gray, and Maverick Morris delivered powerful speeches on what the Black History Recognition Night meant to them.

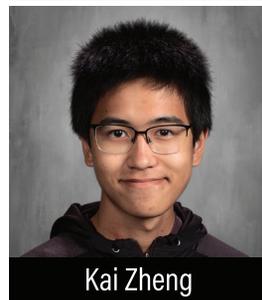
"Black history has not only shaped the success in the Black community but has also emphasized the values in the Black culture," said MAC Scholars vice president Taylor Greer-Jones. "To me, Black history means that we are embracing the value of education within the community."

## Two Beachwood High School Students Named Presidential Scholars Candidates

Beachwood Schools warmly congratulates graduating seniors Dhruv Seth and Kai Zheng for being named candidates in the 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Both are among 5,000 candidates selected from nearly 3.6 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in 2023. Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected for their accomplishments in the areas of academic and artistic achievement, leadership, and service to the school and community.



Dhruv Seth



Kai Zheng

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 to recognize our nation's most distinguished graduating seniors. Annually, up to 161 U.S. Presidential Scholars who represent excellence in education are chosen from among that year's senior class. A distinguished panel of educators will review each candidate and select approximately 600 semifinalists in early April. The finalists will be announced in May and honored in June.

## EVENTS CALENDAR



### Winter Sports Booster Celebration

Wednesday, March 8, 7 p.m.

Beachwood High School Community Room,  
25100 Fairmount Blvd.

### White and Gold Talent Show

Thursday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.

Beachwood High School Auditorium,  
25100 Fairmount Blvd.

### Spring Break - No School

Monday, March 27 - Friday, March 31

### SpongeBob SquarePants: The Musical

April 14 (7 p.m.), April 15 (7 p.m.), April 16 (1 p.m.)

Beachwood High School Auditorium,  
25100 Fairmount Blvd.



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## Looking at the World Through Math-Tinted Lenses

“When are we going to use this?” That’s the question that most energizes Laura Rice, a fifth-grade math teacher at Hilltop Elementary. Helping students see the world through math-tinted lenses is at the very heart of mathematics instruction in her classroom.

“Without real-world or physical representations, math is meaningless to students,” said Rice.

In the past, schools taught math concepts first and only later expected students to use what they learned to solve application problems. Today, teachers flip this order: starting with problems that arise in the real world as the mainspring for introducing mathematical concepts. This approach is known as mathematical modeling, and it’s a cornerstone of Beachwood’s PreK-12 math curriculum—whether students are learning to count or graph exponential functions.

For instance, seventh-grade math teacher Amy Hazelton transformed her classroom into an industrial design studio and challenged students to construct a children’s play structure out of foam and vinyl. Students calculated the cost of foam to build a structure that was both fun and safe. They also computed the amount of vinyl needed to encase the structure so it would be strong enough to withstand the rough and tumble of play. In the process of engineering the play structures, students built their conceptual understanding of surface area and volume in complex three-dimensional objects.

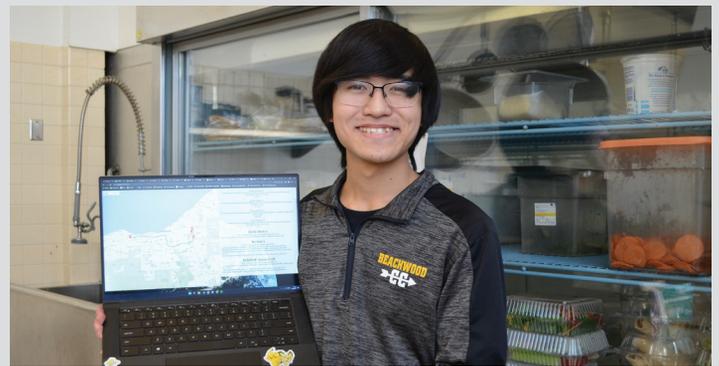
“Students see the benefit of doing mathematics when they understand how it can be applied to different careers and normal everyday life,” said Hazelton.

To guide students through challenging problems, Hazelton uses purposeful questioning to stimulate their mathematical thinking. “Instead of showing students what to do next, I ask: What do you notice? What do you see? What other relationships can you find?” said Hazelton. “Posing these questions develops students’ critical thinking and helps them persevere through the challenging problems. They see a situation like a puzzle to solve.”

High school math teacher Carmela Cira ignites students’ interest in math by capitalizing on their natural curiosity. When a student brought in a photo of her father standing in front of the Palace of Westminster, Cira immediately saw a math opportunity: Can we figure out the height of Big Ben from this photo? Cira’s students determined they could use the father’s height and distance between the photographer, father, and tower to compute the height of London’s iconic clock tower. “When they get those problems that are interesting, they’re more engaged,” said Cira. “It solidifies what they’ve learned, and they perform better afterward.”

Mathematical modeling engages students to justify their solutions and make informed decisions based on data and the models they create. “I love when I see a concept truly ‘click’ for a student,” said Rice. “I love seeing students make connections and build off of their foundational knowledge, draw models to represent problems, explain their thinking, and take charge of their own learning.”

## Computer Science Club Tackles Food Waste in America



Nearly 40% of all food in the United States is wasted. That amounts to nearly 133 billion pounds of food thrown away each year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

“What most shocked me when I first started working at a restaurant was the amount of food they throw away at the end of the day,” said senior Kai Zheng.

Kai hopes to tackle food waste while helping those in need. As president of the computer science club at Beachwood High School, Kai rallied his teammates Henrik Burda, Allen Yu, Anna Zhao, and Kimia Adabi around the cause. Together, they created Food for All, a prototype for an online platform that connects restaurants with excess food to hunger centers in need of nutritious meals. “It’s a win-win for everyone,” said Kai.

The idea is simple: Hunger centers can log on to Food for All to view nearby restaurants that have leftover food that can be redistributed to families in need. The site also features a connection to Google Maps to help food banks plan their pick-up routes. The platform aims to cut food waste while lowering the cost for restaurants to donate, store, and transport excess food.

The prototype recently won second place at the Hyland Hackathon, a computer coding competition held January 6-8 in Westlake. Kai said he hopes Food for All will be ready to launch this summer.

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## Chinese Family Affinity Group Hosts Lunar New Year Celebration

The Chinese Family Affinity Group hosted a Lunar New Year celebration February 5 to honor the Year of the Rabbit. The festivities brought together students, families, staff, and community members to celebrate the beauty and traditions of Asian culture. The program featured a Chinese dragon ribbon dance and a waist drum dance by Beachwood members of the Cleveland Glory Waist Drum Team.

Guests enjoyed a traditional potluck lunch, crafts, and games such as Jianzi and Go. Jianzi is a traditional national sport in China in which players aim to keep a heavily weighted shuttlecock in the air by coordinating body movements. Go is a game of strategy invented in China 2,500 years ago. Children enjoyed paper lantern-making and practicing Chinese calligraphy. Beachwood Schools warmly thanks the Chinese Family Affinity Group for organizing this incredible event for our school community.



## Beachwood High School Hosts First-ever Science Olympiad Invitational Tournament

Young scientists flocked to Beachwood High School on Saturday, Jan. 28, as the school hosted its first-ever Science Olympiad Invitational Tournament. The full-day competition drew hundreds of participants, volunteers, school staff, and families from 30 teams across the region. Competing teams included: Bio-Med Science Academy, Cleveland Heights High School, Kenston High School, Mayfield High School, New Albany High School, Orange High School, Solon High School, Stow-Munroe Falls High School, Hudson High School, and Westlake High School.

"We are grateful that so many schools have come to our invitational and are enjoying the events," said ninth-grader Ida Chang.

The overall winners were Solon High School (first place), Mayfield High School (second place), and Westlake High School (third place). As hosts, Beachwood students did not compete for any awards. Instead, their priority was to make this an enjoyable event for other schools, according to head coach Alise Kulbago. "Our inaugural invitational was a success!" said Ms. Kulbago. "We heard many compliments from coaches, participants, Beachwood parents and volunteers about our tournament. They complimented our organization, communication, and our beautiful school and classrooms."

Science Olympiad Invitationals allow teams to prepare for regional, state, or national tournaments. They provide a chance for students to fine-tune their devices and gain experience with labs and knowledge tests. The invitational was primarily organized by the planning committee, which included Amy Zhou, Anna Zhao, Elizabeth Lui, Kimia Adabi, and Chengyu Li. The team captains and leaders for the event were Kai Zheng, Dhruv Seth, and Leana Adunts. Students also gained practical experience with large-event planning, including finding sponsors, creating a marketing plan, and organizing volunteers.

"This is an unprecedented moment for Beachwood," said ninth-grader Lyndia Zheng. "We are very grateful for our captains, coaches, and the adults who are putting in their time to support our Science Olympiad team."

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### Recent Resolutions

- Approved 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school calendars
- Presented audit committee report
- Approved renewal of medical and prescription health insurance
- Approved fine and performing arts and experiential learning diploma seals

### Upcoming Board Actions

- Seek proposals for food services contract
- Hear junior achievement marketing program presentation on AQUA
- Approve end-of-year retirements of certificated staff
- Approve continuing contracts for certificated staff

### Board Meeting Calendar

March 13, 2023 @ 7 p.m.

March 23, 2023 @ 7 p.m.



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## Alumni Spotlight: Lauren Glazer (Class of 1999)

From the moment Lauren Glazer (née Silver) picked up her shiny new flute as a student in the Hilltop band, she quickly realized that music is a powerful tool for bringing people together. So began her lifelong love of music. In high school, she enjoyed exciting the crowd during football and basketball games as both a marching band member and cheerleader. Her fondest memories include band camp and overnight band trips, where she built lasting friendships.

Lauren lives in Solon with her husband, Michael, and two children: Jordan (age 10) and Elana (age 7). She remains a familiar face in Beachwood as her parents, Sandy and Terry Silver (Class of 1970), still reside in town. The Glazer family enjoys attending the Bison football and basketball games. And every year, Lauren dusts off her flute to march with the Homecoming Alumni Marching Band. "Being able to come back and march with the band makes me feel like I am back in high school for the night and brings back lots of fun memories," said Lauren. "I also love sharing my love for the band with my kids. They look forward to seeing me on the field each year!"

Lauren graduated from Beachwood High School in 1999 and went on to earn a bachelor of science in business administration from Miami University. After college, she moved to Chicago, where she worked for the global transportation services firm C.H. Robinson. As a natural

"people person," Lauren excelled in problem resolution and managed logistics. In 2012, Lauren and Michael relocated to Cleveland. Lauren soon accepted a position as a customer experience specialist at Majestic Steel USA, where she continues to leverage her expertise in customer and carrier logistics. "I love working with customers and helping to make them happy," said Lauren. "My favorite thing is to help get our material to a customer sooner than they might expect it."

Outside of work, Lauren enjoys spending time with her family and cheering on the Guardians and Cavs! Her advice to current Beachwood students? "Get involved and do as many activities as you can," she said. "I'm so grateful for my opportunities in band, cheerleading, volleyball, and track and field."



### Alumni: Share Your Story!

Go to [www.beachwoodschoools.org/alumni.aspx](http://www.beachwoodschoools.org/alumni.aspx).

## Social Scene



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beachwoodbison Oh, their achy bones! Kindergarten students celebrated 100 days of learning and fun! #bisonstrong



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Beachwood Schools

February 2 at 8:00 PM ·

The fifth-grade team at Hilltop surprised students yesterday with a special celebration to commemorate their one thousandth day of school, going way back to kindergarten! Fifth-graders learned to fold origami paper cranes after reading the book Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes. They had a blast practicing their budgeting skills by going on a (pretend!) online shopping spree. And they flexed their academic muscles with an engineering challenge to make paper hold a soup can. Congratulations to the fifth-grade class on their exciting milestone. My, how they grow up fast! #BisonStrong



Beachwood Schools  
January 26 at 8:57 AM ·

Fifth-grade science teacher Jason Hill has been an accomplished and passionate educator in Beachwood Schools for 26 years. He recently reconnected with a few of his former students. Bagatur Askaryan graduated from Harvard and works as a machine learning engineer; Tigran Askaryan graduated from Stanford University and works as a computer engineer; and Blake Atherton graduated from Georgetown Law and works as an attorney in Washington D.C. We don't know what is more AMAZING: the accomplishments of these talented alumni OR the fact that Mr. Hill looks the same age as his former students! #BisonStrong



## Volunteer at Anthology Senior Living

Anthology Senior Living in Mayfield Heights has opportunities for caring volunteers to help community members stay active and engaged. Here are some categories:

**Gracious:** Animal fosters, hospital visits, blood drives

**Together:** Local outings, walks in the park, shopping trips

**Aware:** Trivia nights, games and puzzles, book clubs

**Active:** Exercise classes, healthy living demos, balance activities

**Friendly:** Happy hours, event entertainment, one-on-one visits

**Spiritual:** Bible study, prayer groups, meditation

**Imaginative:** Crafting, music, cooking and baking

Other ideas? Anthology is receptive to hearing them! Flexible hours. For details, contact Elizabeth Berkel at mayfieldheightsDOE@anthologyseniorliving.com or 440.771.2900.

## Inspiring Change Event in Honor of Aliza Sherman Thursday March 23 • 6 p.m. Canterbury Golf Club

March 24 will mark 10 years since Aliza Sherman, a Beachwood resident and Cleveland Clinic fertility nurse, was murdered in downtown Cleveland.

To honor Aliza's life and legacy, her daughter, Jennifer, has collaborated with the Cleveland Clinic Clinical Transformation Institute and the Cleveland Clinic Enterprise Domestic Violence Committee to start a fund in her mother's name. This fund will directly support the needs of Cleveland Clinic patients and caregivers who have experienced violence. It will also be used to implement prevention and awareness programs.

To learn more, please visit the fundraiser page at <https://tinyurl.com/AlizaSherman>.

The event will include appetizers, live entertainment, and access to auction items. Tickets are \$100 each. To donate an auction item, please email Jennifer at rivchuj@ccf.org.



Anyone with information regarding Aliza's murder should contact Cuyahoga County Crime Stoppers at [www.25crime.com](http://www.25crime.com) or 216.252.7463.

There is currently a \$100,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

All tips are submitted anonymously.

## Eastside Blades Skate to Success

Each February, the Shaker Figure Skating Club hosts the Ohio High School Team Figure Skating Championships at its home rink, Thornton Park. Last month, several Beachwood students competed on the Eastside Blades team, which also featured skaters from Orange.

Beachwood High School students Lorena Tovanche, Anna Tonyushkin, Allie Berns, and Veronica Schwartz, along with Beachwood Middle School students Maria Tonyushkin, Dominik Herjan, Jacob Isaacson, and Abigail Gourley each placed first, second, or third in individual competitions.

Overall, Eastside Blades placed second in Maneuvers and third in Group Ensemble, and earned 1st place overall for Middle Schoolers.

Next up, the Shaker Figure Skating Club will present its Spring Spectacular Ice Show on May 5-6, 2023. For more information, visit [www.shakerfsc.org](http://www.shakerfsc.org).

*Front row:* Jacob Isaacson, Dominik Herjan, Maria Tonyushkin, Sophia Oleski-Nagy, Sarah Berns, Abby Gourley, and Allie Berns. *Back row:* Avery Feuerman, Lorena Tovanche, Lucy Chaisson, Anna Tonyushkin, and Veronica Schwartz. *Not pictured:* Hazel O'Neill.



# An Autism Diagnosis Is Not Color-Blind

By Arlene Fine

In yet another case where the color of one's skin determines destiny, Black and Latino children are often diagnosed with autism at older ages than white children, missing years of potential intervention. And it's not only the children who pay a price when a diagnosis is delayed; family and caregiver support is lacking during those crucial, formative years.

To address this problem Milestones Autism Resources, in collaboration with Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County, recently presented a behavioral healthcare training workshop focused on therapists of color. The goal of this event was to address caregiver support disparities and to advocate for ways to improve early detection and outcomes for individuals of color in marginalized communities.

According to the CDC, the autism diagnosis rate among Black 8-year-old boys and girls is at least 10% lower than white children – and the gap is even larger among Latino children. That skewed number doesn't count the thousands of kids who are on waitlists who waste valuable time waiting to get a diagnosis, or the children of color who are often incorrectly diagnosed.

"Delay in diagnosis leads to delays in services and interventions, and decreases a child's potential to gain essential social and communication skills and executive functioning," said Ilana Hoffer Skoff, Milestones' executive director and co-founder. "A delayed diagnosis also means families and caregivers are unable to effectively support a child during the critical years of development; or have the skills and interventions to prepare themselves for the challenging road ahead."

The leading reasons for the diagnosis disparity are: low income, limited access to health care, and language barriers. Another major obstacle to early autism diagnosis is the stigma associated with mental health disorders. To address this long-entrenched problem, Milestones has partnered with ADAMHS.

"The ADAMHS board is focused on reducing the stigma of mental health and behavioral disorders and actively works to help increase access and awareness of mental health care services for all community members," said Ilana. "That is why this partnership is such a good fit for Milestones."

To help even the playing field and provide support for Northeast Ohio's growing Latino population, Milestones has hired a Spanish speaking professional, Michelle Mejia, the only Spanish speaking Charting the LifeCourse Ambassador in Northeast Ohio, who is trained to support people to maximize their capacity, strengths, and unique abilities to best nurture, love, and support families to achieve goals.

Spanish speaking members of the Latino community can call Michelle at Milestones and she can provide information to help them access the essential services they need. "We now actively serve over 30 members of the Latino community and expect that number to grow," said Ilana.

Milestones is also reaching out to medical students and health care professionals to educate them about unconscious bias when diagnosing autism in people of color.

"Everyone has personal milestones and different definitions of success," said Ilana. "One of our goals at Milestones is to help people find what is meaningful to them as individuals and as families, and to support them in the areas where they need support."



Milestones Spanish speaking professional Michelle Mejia.

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**Autism is a neurological disorder** affecting behavior, communication, social interaction, and sensory processing, with characteristics generally beginning prior to the age of 3. Here is a list of select symptoms. For a complete list and additional information, visit [www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/signs.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/signs.html).

- Avoids or does not keep eye contact
- Does not notice when others are hurt or upset by 24 months of age
- Lines up toys or other objects and gets upset when order is changed
- Repeats words or phrases over and over (called echolalia)
- Gets upset by minor changes
- Flaps hands, rocks body, or spins self in circles
- Delayed language, movement, and/or cognitive skills
- Hyperactive, impulsive, and/or inattentive behavior
- Anxiety, stress, or excessive worrying

**CONTACT INFO:**

Milestones Autism Resources  
216.464.7600  
[www.milestones.org](http://www.milestones.org)

# Mandel JCC Welcomes Rabbi Carnie Rose as New CEO

With Goals to Revitalize Programming and Increase Revenues for the Non-Profit

**R**abbi Carnie Rose, president and CEO of the Mandel Jewish Community Center, succeeds Michael G. Hyman, who retired September 2, 2022, after nearly 19 years in that role. Richard Zakalik was the interim CEO.

A veteran in Jewish congregational and communal service, 55-year-old Rabbi Carnie spent the past 18 years as senior rabbinic chair of Congregation B'nai Amoona in St. Louis. The Mandel JCC search committee placed significant value on his experiences building the synagogue's community programs and leading philanthropic efforts for a successful capital campaign.

Similar to the Mandel JCC's 42-acre campus in Beachwood, B'nai Amoona is on 33 acres of wooded property with sports fields and basketball courts. "As with The J's mission, it was important to use the synagogue's space as a center for our community and place to build connections for people of all ages," Rabbi Carnie said. In addition to adult learning classes, it offered summer camps and early childhood programs.

As a community center, the business model of The J is to bring people together. The COVID-19 pandemic kept the community separated and accessing programs virtually. Over the past year, The J has steadily increased in-person programs and is growing membership.

"The Cleveland Jewish community is very robust and active," Rabbi Carnie said. "Through creativity and innovation, I am convinced that The J is in a position for revitalization and rebirth."

"We are excited about the experiences Rabbi Carnie brings to us," Board Chair Neil Tramer said. "He is very collaborative and has the innate ability to lead and inspire our outstanding staff to invent new ways to provide robust programs and services for the entire community."

The one-year national search

was led by Neil and search committee co-chair Keith Polster, an honorary board member, and Jeanne Tobin, past president. A consultant from the JCC Association conducted the search process with the committee.

According to Neil, "The search took a long time because it was important to identify a candidate who not only met our strategic and leadership requirements but who also demonstrated the acumen and desire to build a new generation of the Mandel JCC."

Previously, Rabbi Carnie also held director and coordinator roles for student summer and leadership experiences, day camps, Jewish education, and the 2022 Maccabi games. He is currently on the board of Jewish Federation of St. Louis and the rabbinic cabinets of Israel Bonds and Jewish National Fund.



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## Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF) Unveils Membership Program

**C**IFF47 memberships are now on sale. This year's membership program offers four levels: Ticket Buyer (\$85), Streams Passholder (\$300), Festival Passholder (\$500), and VIP Passholder (\$1,800).

All levels include a complimentary mailing of the CIFF47 Film Guide, sponsored by PNC, a complimentary invitation to the CIFF47 Preview Party, advance ticket sales access, free admittance to the CIFF47 members-only screening, and discounts on tickets, merchandise, and special events. The top two levels of membership (Festival

Passholder and VIP Passholder) include passholder access to all in-person CIFF47 screenings at Playhouse Square as well as the Passholder Lounge. The top level of membership (VIP Passholder) also includes passholder access to all CIFF47 Streams films.

For full membership details (including information about CIFF's e-commerce, which is now powered by Eventive), please

visit [www.clevelandfilm.org/membership](http://www.clevelandfilm.org/membership).

CIFF47 will take place March 22-April 1 at Playhouse Square, followed by CIFF47 Streams, sponsored by PNC, which will take place April 2-9, online. The Festival lineup will be announced on Friday, March 3. Tickets go on sale to CIFF members on Monday, March 6, and to

the public on Friday, March 10. For information on CIFF, please continue to visit [www.clevelandfilm.org](http://www.clevelandfilm.org).





Kindergarten teacher Debbie Rubenstein with (from left) Bethel Elias, Dean Copeland, and Demiyah Martin



Layla Elkasaby

Lia Saranuta, Charley Nathanson, and Farida Ashour

Kindergarten students celebrated their 100th day of school by dressing up like 100-year-olds and enjoying a day of crafts and math-based games. Counting the 100 days of school helped build students' numeracy skills. Staff is #BisonProud of all that their kindergarten students have achieved this year while coming together as a classroom community. Let's give a cheer for the Class of 2035!



Mia Licatalosi, Gianna Nemirovsky, and Lianna Korah

Quincy Lahti-Thiam, Charity Weary, and Maya Bourguignon

Hilltop fifth graders recently enjoyed a celebration to commemorate their 1,000th day of school. They learned to fold origami paper cranes after reading *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, practiced budgeting skills by going on a pretend online shopping spree, and flexed their academic muscles with an engineering challenge to make paper hold a soup can. Congratulations to the students on passing this milestone!

# SUMMER CAMPS

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE AND IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR CAMP!

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- Promotes Independence**  
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- Makes Time for Play**  
 Play helps to develop creative thinking. It's also a fun way to make new friends.
- Teaches Teamwork**  
 Camp programs require teamwork, a lifelong skill that teaches children about working with others to efficiently get things done.
- Teaches Resiliency**  
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- them. It teaches them to keep trying and to believe in themselves.
- Provides Fun Screen-Free Activities**  
 Camp helps children connect to the joy of life without staring at a screen. Screen-free time is vital to a child's brain, body, spirit, and future, and could benefit us all!
- Encourages a Connection with Nature**  
 When a child is outdoors, they get to see, touch, hear, smell, and sometimes even taste nature. Outside, children are free to run, skip, jump, climb, laugh, and breathe the fresh air.
- Fosters Growth**  
 Summer camp pushes children to try new things and explore new interests. They will leave camp with a stronger sense of identity and a better idea of what they love.
- Builds Self-Esteem**  
 Children learn self-esteem through taking action, earning results, and contributing to their community. They learn to value themselves as a result of hard work and achievement.
- Nurtures Friendships**  
 At camp, kids get to meet other children with similar interests in a relaxed setting.
- Teaches Kids to Respect Differences**  
 Children learn to accept that not everyone has the same perspective or beliefs they do. They also learn to accomplish goals with others, and to respect and work with differences.

Campers gain independence, develop new skills, learn teamwork, connect with nature, make new friends, learn to respect differences, build self-esteem, and create memories they will cherish forever. So what are you waiting for? If you haven't done so already, sign your child up for camp today!

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# Summer Camp Grant Program for Russian-Speaking Jewish Campers

A scholarship is available for campers from the Russian-speaking Jewish community attending a Jewish summer camp.

Because Russian-speaking Jewish families make up an important part of our community, but are often underrepresented at Jewish camp, we're hoping to connect with families and demonstrate what a great value Jewish camp can be for their child's development.

Greater Cleveland-area campers with at least one Russian-speaking grandparent or parent are eligible for the grant, which is for up to \$2,000 per camper. Priority will be given to first and second time campers. Both overnight campers and day campers are eligible.

At camp, in addition to arts and crafts, swimming, sports, and Hebrew, campers learn skills like leadership, teamwork, independence, and problem solving, all of which are extremely important and applicable to life year-round. They try out new things and find the best version of

themselves. Furthermore, Jewish overnight camp provides the opportunity to connect with Jewish peers and role models.

This grant is available through a partnership between the Foundation for Jewish Camp, the Genesis Philanthropy Group, the Jewish Federation of Cleveland and the Jewish Education Center. Cleveland is one of the first communities to have been offered this partnership.

Families may visit [www.jecc.org/rsjcamp/](http://www.jecc.org/rsjcamp/) email [campgrants@jecc.org](mailto:campgrants@jecc.org) or call 216.371.0446 with any questions.



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Grants are also available for 2nd year campers attending denominational camps, such as Ramah camps, URJ Goldman Union Camping Institute (GUCI), and Camp Stone.

Summers at overnight camps are packed with a wide range of activities—aquatics, arts and crafts, sports, dance, music, cooking, archery, drama, outdoor adventure and hiking, podcasting, and much more! Campers are encouraged to discover new skills and interests they never knew they had.

Jewish camp weaves Jewish values, culture, and traditions into the fabric of camp, helping campers to connect to their own identity and the larger Jewish community. Dynamic staff members use experiential learning to reveal what makes Jewish religion and culture special in today's world. At camp, Jewish and Israeli culture is celebrated through song, food, art, and dance.

Families can find camps and apply for grants by visiting [www.jecc.org/onehappycamper](http://www.jecc.org/onehappycamper).

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From December 2019 through December 2022, YOB made and donated 1,796 items. Since the group's inception in 2009, members created and donated 10,500 items.

The group meets the first Friday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Beachwood Library. Upcoming meetings are March 3 and April 7.

For more information, contact Iris November at [lbertyclub@gmail.com](mailto:lbertyclub@gmail.com) or 216.375.9111.

**It's Spring Cleaning time!**

**Yarn donations are always welcome and greatly appreciated. Spread the word! Please contact Iris to arrange donation pick up. Donations can also be dropped off at the Beachwood Library. Label should read: Iris November, Yarn Over Beachwood.**

**Thank you!**



Park Synagogue Presents

## "Recognizing & Responding to Anti-Semitism"

Park Synagogue invites the community to attend "Recognizing & Responding to Anti-Semitism" at Shabbat Services on Saturday, March 18, at Park Synagogue in Pepper Pike. The featured speaker is Robin Burstein, deputy director of ADL Philadelphia and scholar-in-residence for Park's Women's Shabbat.

Unfortunately, we are seeing more anti-Semitism crop up

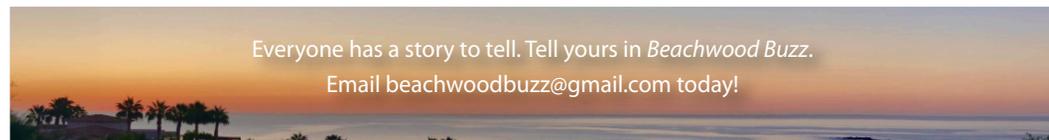


today, whether on college campuses, on social media, or at synagogues and Jewish stores. Learn the ways that age old anti-Semitic tropes are currently manifesting into hate, bias incidents, and conspiracy theories. Robin will also share what each of us can do to stop the spread of hate and how ADL is working locally, nationally, and internationally in this regard. The service is free

and open to the community.

The discussion will continue following services at a Lunch & Learn. After Robin gives opening remarks, attendees will participate in interactive dialogues about anti-Semitism at each table. Cost of attending the Lunch & Learn is \$18 for Park Synagogue members and \$23 for guests. Prepaid reservations are required by March 10 at [www.parksynagogue.org](http://www.parksynagogue.org).

Questions? Contact Ellen Petler at [epetler@parksyn.org](mailto:epetler@parksyn.org) or 216.371.2244, ext. 122.



## Shaker Arts Council Seeks Artists for Art Competition for Utility Box Designs

Building on the success of several years of traffic utility box projects, the Shaker Arts Council (SHAC) is pleased to announce this year's project: Painting the Town. SHAC is sponsoring a juried art competition for the design of utility boxes located in Shaker Heights.

SHAC is looking for artists 21 years or older who live or work in Shaker Heights. SHAC members are also eligible to participate. Designs and applications must be submitted no later than Monday, April 10, at 5 p.m. For details, visit [www.shakerartscouncil.org](http://www.shakerartscouncil.org).

SHAC is a volunteer nonprofit organization whose mission is to enrich the cultural fabric of Shaker Heights by establishing the arts as a vibrant and integral part of the community. Its purpose is best described as building the community through the arts and building the arts through the community. SHAC also presents visual and performing artists in events throughout the year.



"Sun and Moon"  
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"Hummingbirds and Butterflies"  
Georgio Sabino III, 2022  
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The box designed by professional artist Georgio Sabino III can be seen on the median at Shaker Boulevard/Coventry Road. This unique box is interactive and features augmented reality. When you scan the attached QR code with a smartphone or tablet, the box will come alive.

# Select Programs at the Beachwood Library

For complete details, visit [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org).

## Blood Drive

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## Tuesday Book Chat

Tuesday, March 14 • 7-8 p.m.

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## Third Wednesday Book Discussion

Wednesday, March 15 • 2-3 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of *Carrie Soto is Back*, by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/7578088>.



## Meet Author Adam Gopnik

Wednesday, March 15 • 7-8 p.m.

Join Adam Gopnik as he discusses his book, *The Real Work: On the Mystery of Mastery*. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/7476979>.

## Third Thursday Book Discussion – Virtual

Thursday, March 16 • 2-3 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of *Carrie Soto is Back*, by Taylor Jenkins Reid, on Zoom. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/7578409>.

## Through the Eyes of the Artist – Peter Max and the Age of Pop

Friday, March 17 • 10-11 a.m.

Join Art historian Felicia Zavarella Stadelman as she presents a program on visionary pop artist Peter Max. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/7577295>.



## Knit and Lit

Monday, March 20 • 6:30-8 p.m.

Join us for knitting and informal chats about what everyone is reading. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/7086109>.

## Design Tips for Planning a Gorgeous Perennial Garden

Tuesday, March 28 • 7-8 p.m.

Cuyahoga County Master Gardeners will introduce elements of landscape design to help you plan a spectacular, low maintenance perennial garden. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/7574934>.

## Book Discussion with Homa and Katie – Virtual

Wednesday, March 29 • 7-8 p.m.

Join us on Zoom with WEWS on-air personalities Homa Bash and Katie McGraw for a lively discussion of *The Lost Man*, by Jane Harper. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/7455536>.



## Meet Author Naomi Oreskes

Wednesday, March 29 • 7-8 p.m.

Join us when author Naomi Oreskes visits to discuss *The Big Myth*, her new book. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/7584630>.

## Deep Dive Discussion Series: Crossroads, by Jonathan Franzen

Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25  
2-3:30 p.m.

Explore National Book Award winner Jonathan Franzen's *Crossroads* in this 4-week in depth discussion series. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/7595867>.

## The Death and Life of Edgar Allan Poe

Tuesday, April 4 • 7-8 p.m.

Join author Mark Dawidziak as he delves into the mystery of Poe's death and the myths and misconceptions about him. Register at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/7575475>.



**Children's Programming: To register and view the full schedule of events, please visit <https://cuyahogalibrary.org>.**

## Picture Book Pals

Family Book Discussion  
Friday, March 3 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Join us as we help children develop a love of reading as we get together to read, talk, and make crafts around excellent picture books. Registration required.

## Chinese Language Storytime

Thursday, March 9 • 4-4:30 p.m.

Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes in Mandarin Chinese and stay for playtime after. This famil program is presented in cooperation with the Chinese Academy of Cleveland.

## Adapted Storytime

Ages 3-5 with caregiver  
Friday, March 10 • 10-11 a.m.

Children with varying learning styles and abilities will learn together in a safe, supportive environment where respect and appreciation for differences is encouraged. Registration is required.

## STEAM Club

Grades 2-5  
Tuesday, March 14 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Enjoy a fun STEAM activity and learn about science, technology, engineering, art, or math. Registration is required.

## Hebrew Language Storytime

Wednesday, March 22 • 4-4:30 p.m.

Hear stories and songs in Hebrew and English. This program is presented in collaboration with the Mandel Jewish Community Center.

## Local Author Alex Shaland

Grades 2-5  
Thursday, March 23 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Join local author Alex Shaland for a presentation about his book, *Jackie the Penguin Goes on Safari*, and what it is like being a writer. Copies of his book can be put on hold through CCPL's catalog. Registration is required.

## Storytimes run through April.

View the full schedule at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/events>.

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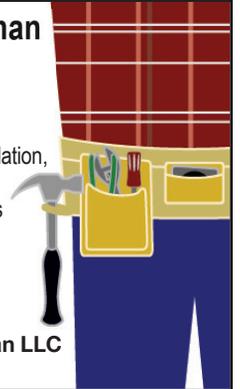
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The Bistro is open most Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays when school is open. Menu items are all priced under \$10. Hours are 11 a.m.

- 12:30 p.m. The Last seating is at 12:15 p.m. and the last takeout is at 12:20 p.m.

Reservations are recommended 24 hours in advance by calling 216.831.2080, ext. 7131. To view the menu and specials, visit [www.beachwoodschoools.org/bistro.aspx](http://www.beachwoodschoools.org/bistro.aspx).

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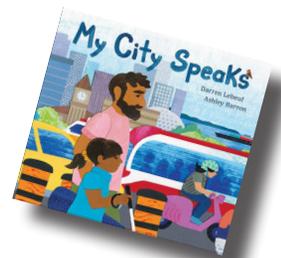
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